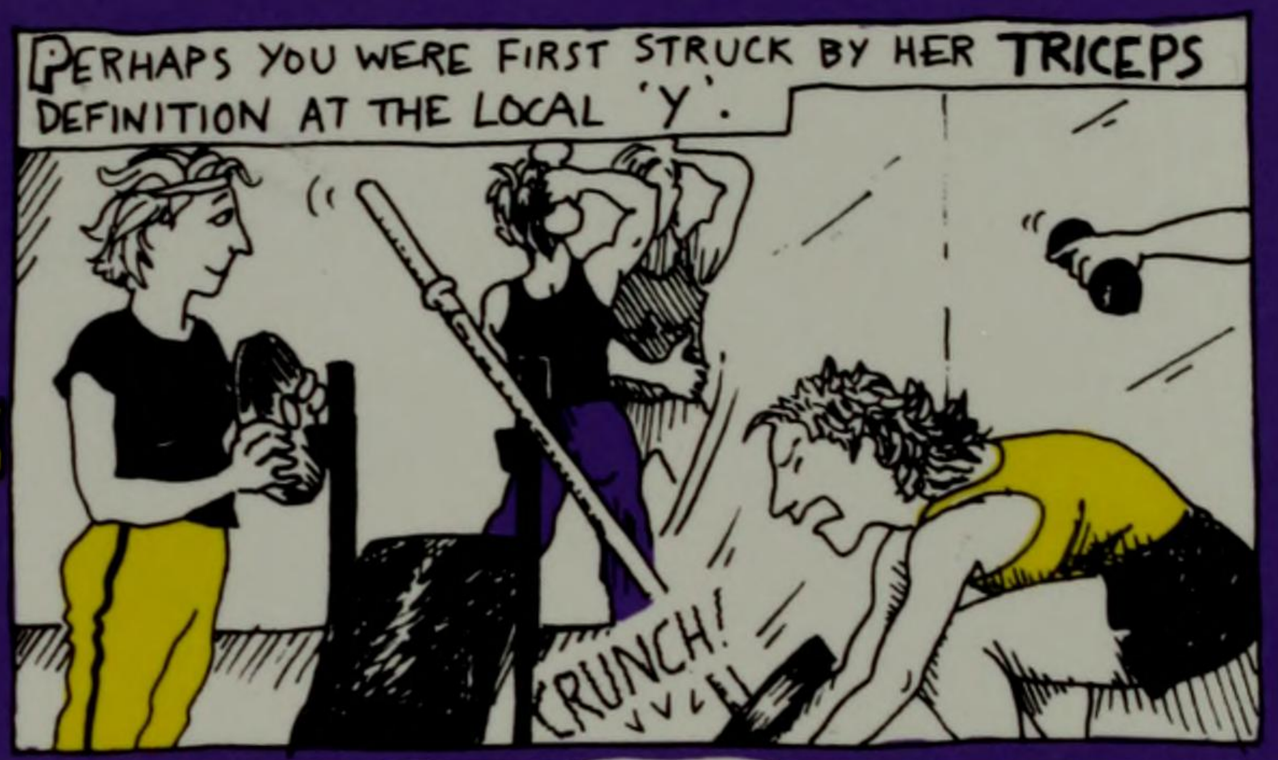
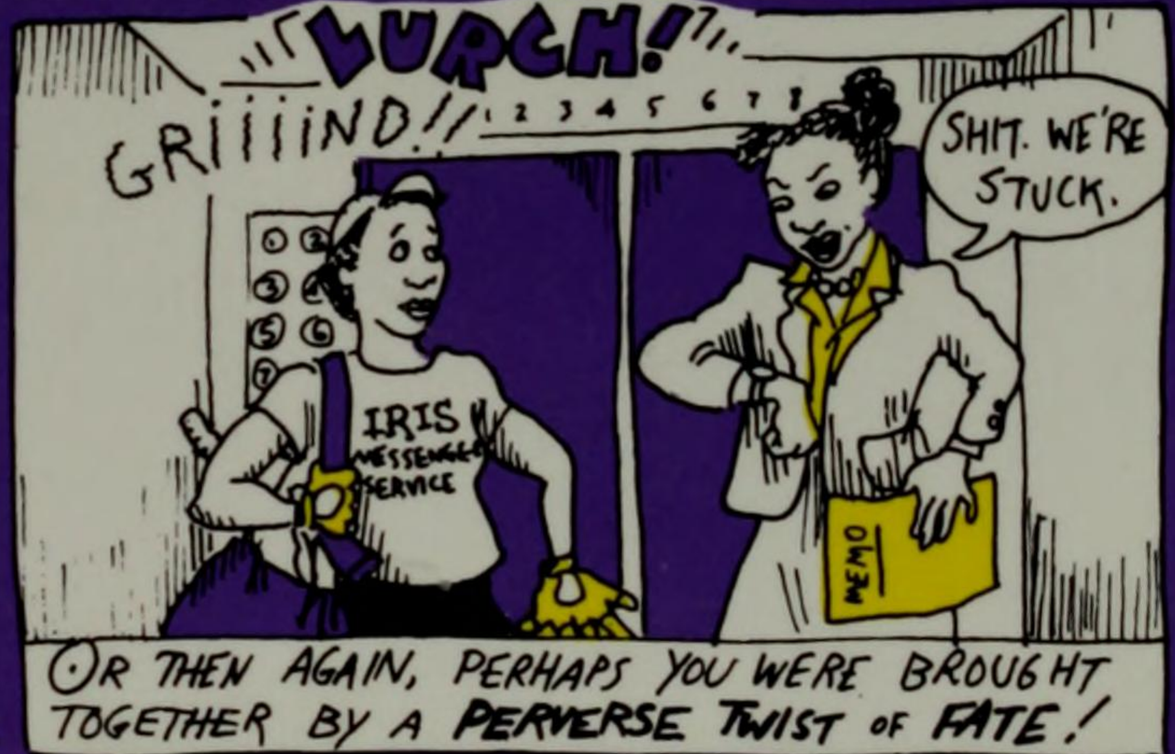
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The Unrequited Crush

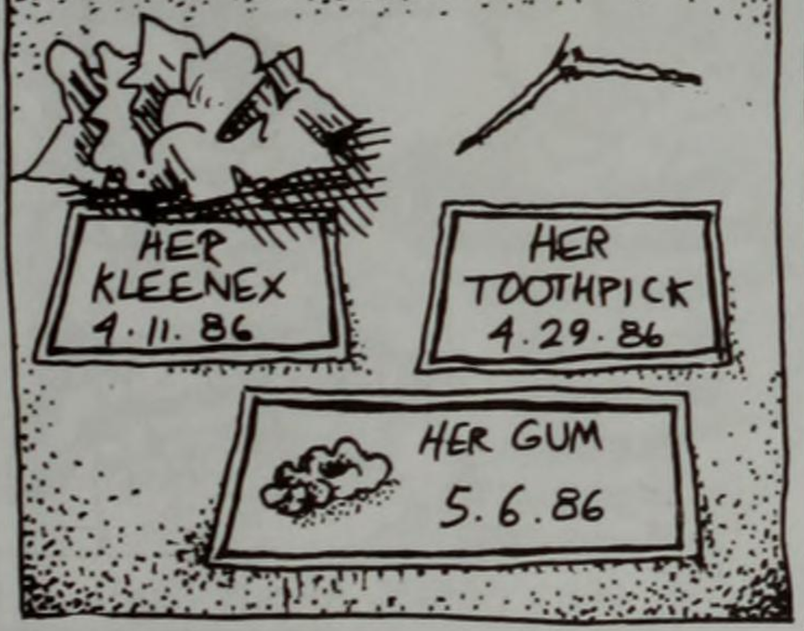
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the LESBIAN ETIQUETTE Series

DON'T CALL HER ON THE PHONE JUST TO HEAR HER VOICE AND THEN HANG UP.



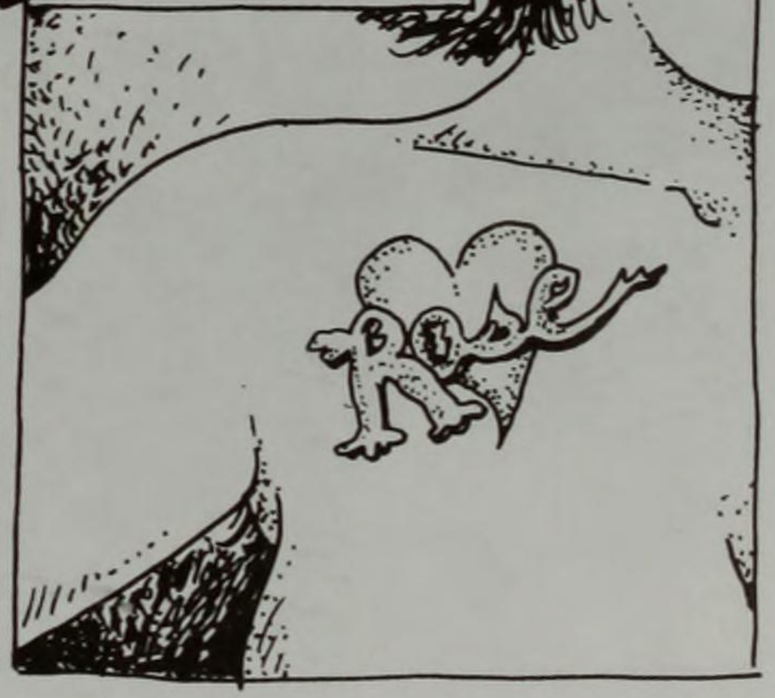
DO COLLECT SMALL MEMENTOES



DO GET SUPPORT FROM YOUR FRIENDS



DON'T GET ANY REGRETTABLE TATTOOS.



ARE YOU SINGLE? DO YOUR COUPLED FRIENDS FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, AND ASSUME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A LOVER?

YUP.

COMPARE YOUR MISERABLE, LONELY EXISTENCE WITH

The Joys of Couplehood

ANOTHER INFORMATIVE LECTURE BY MISS CHLOE B. DeSNAIL

WITH A RELATIONSHIP, YOU GAIN A WHOLE EXTRA FAMILY!

MOM, DAD... THIS IS RHONDA.

WHO'S THIS... YOUR ROOMMATE?

I WISH YOU GIRLS WOULD LET YOUR HAIR GROW!

YOU GET SOMEONE WARM TO SLEEP WITH...

WILL YOU PUH-LEAZE MOVE YOUR ELBOW?!

VS... A COLD, EMPTY BED.

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T EAT THAT JUNK!

GUILT RAYS

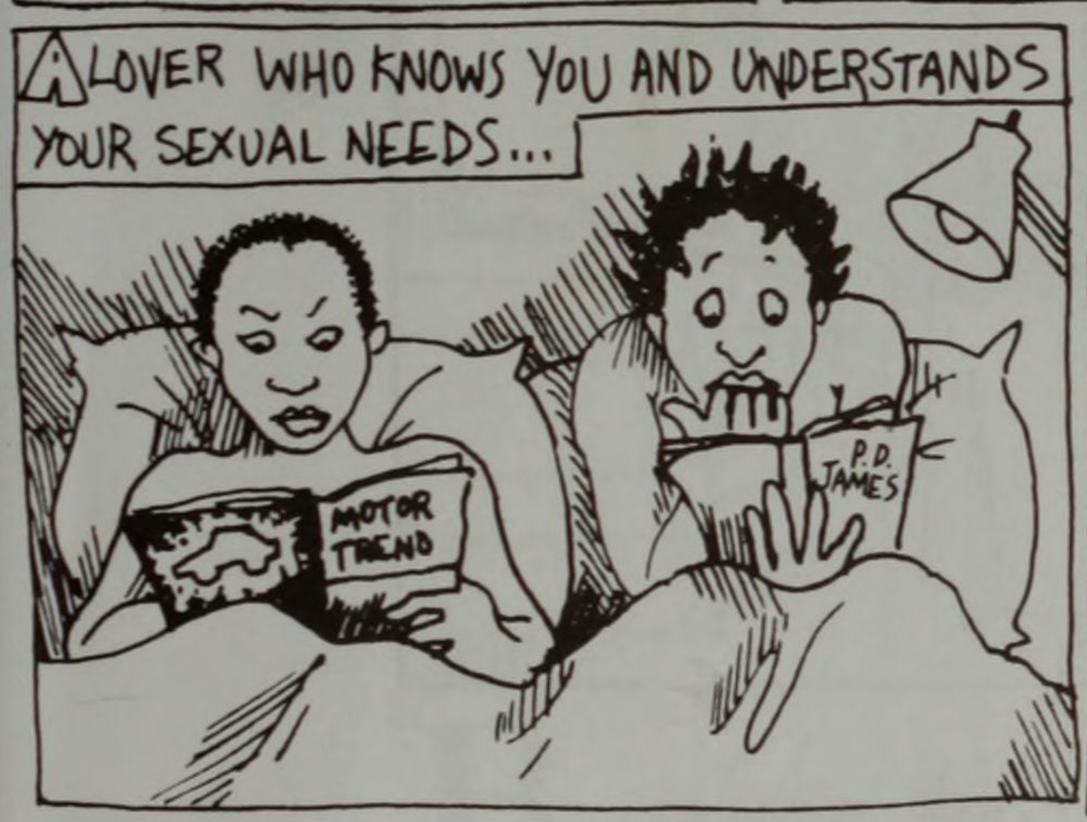
Combos

SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT YOU...

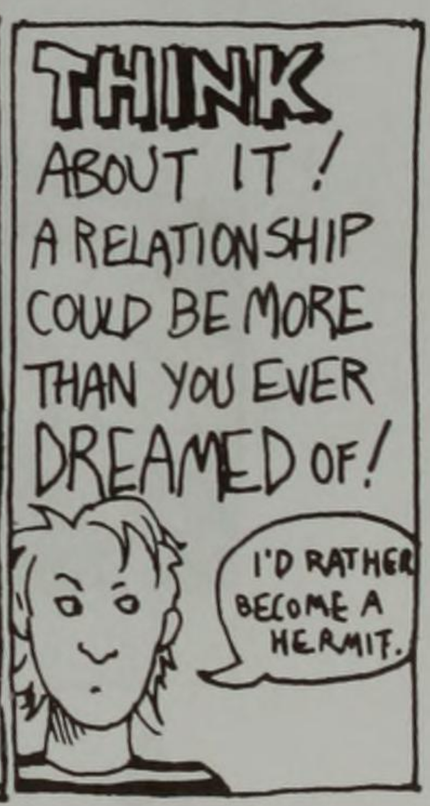

BLAKE?! AND ALEXIS?! YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN!
GREEZY Chips
VS. SELF-NEGLECT & BAD HABITS!

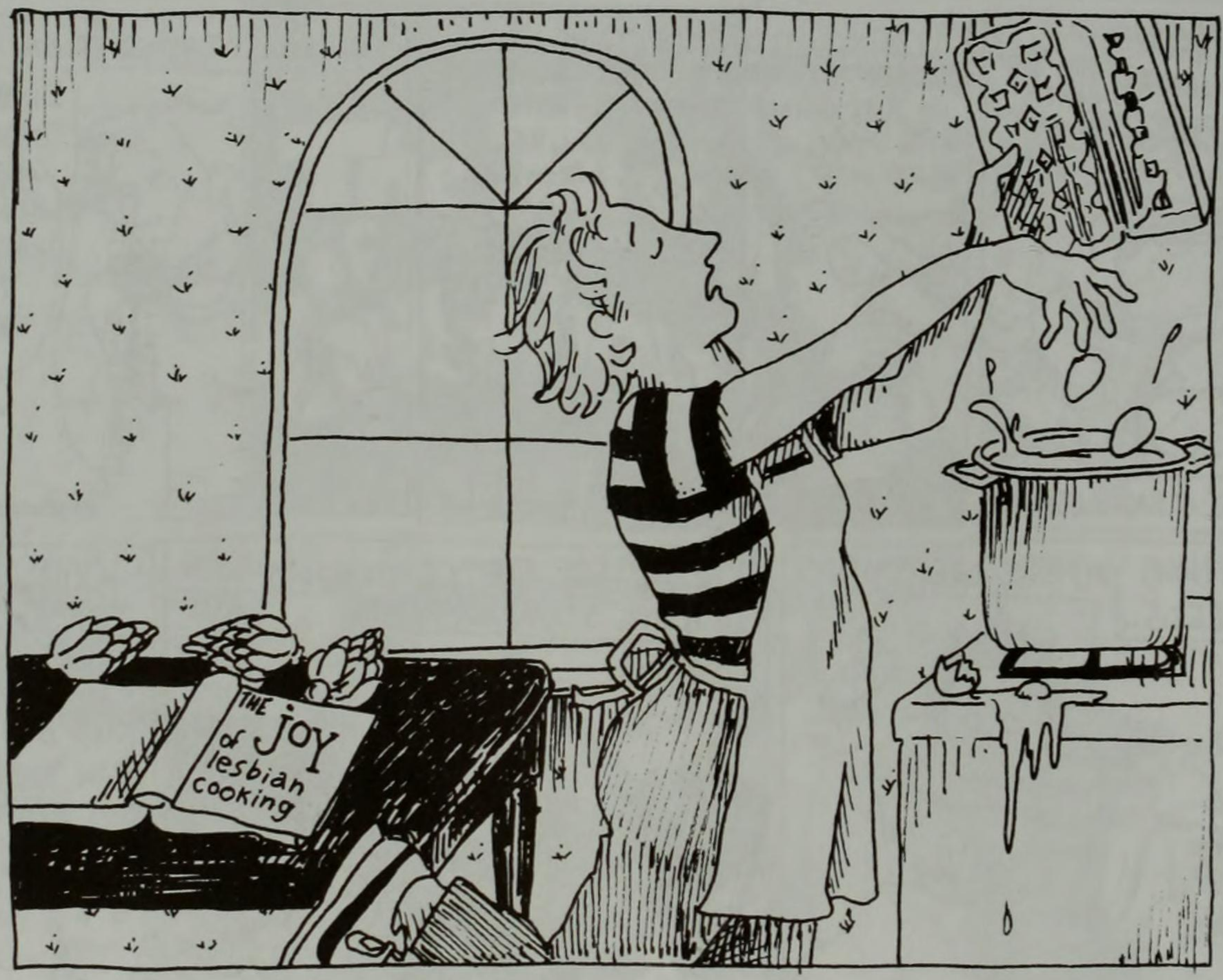

A CONSTANT, DEVOTED COMPANION...
I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE DINNER WITH PEARL... I'LL BE HOME BY 9, I PROMISE... OKAY?


VS. LONELY DESPERATION.
DINNER TOMORROW? GREAT! WE HAVEN'T HUNG OUT IN AGES..


A LOVER WHO KNOWS YOU AND UNDERSTANDS YOUR SEXUAL NEEDS...
MOTOR TREND
P.D. JAMES


VS. JOYLESS, EMPTY ENCOUNTERS WITH COMPLETE STRANGERS!


THINK ABOUT IT! A RELATIONSHIP COULD BE MORE THAN YOU EVER DREAMED OF!
I'D RATHER BECOME A HERMIT.



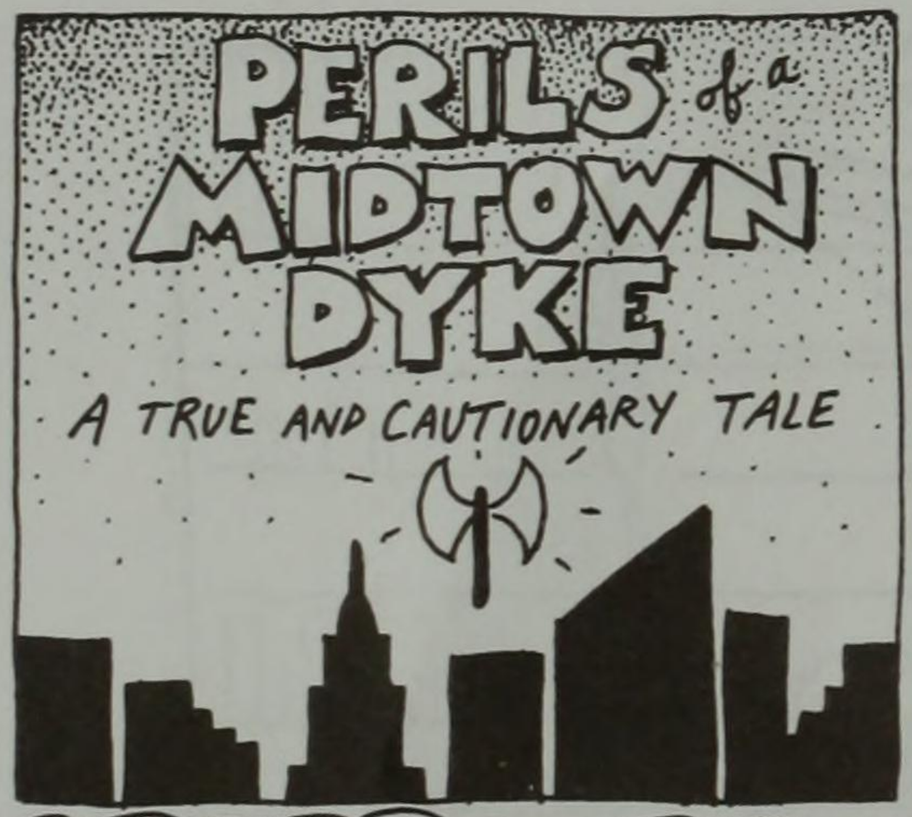
A is for Alice, who liked to cook soup.



B is for Blanca, who sat on the stoop.

PERILS of a MIDTOWN DYKE

A TRUE AND CAUTIONARY TALE











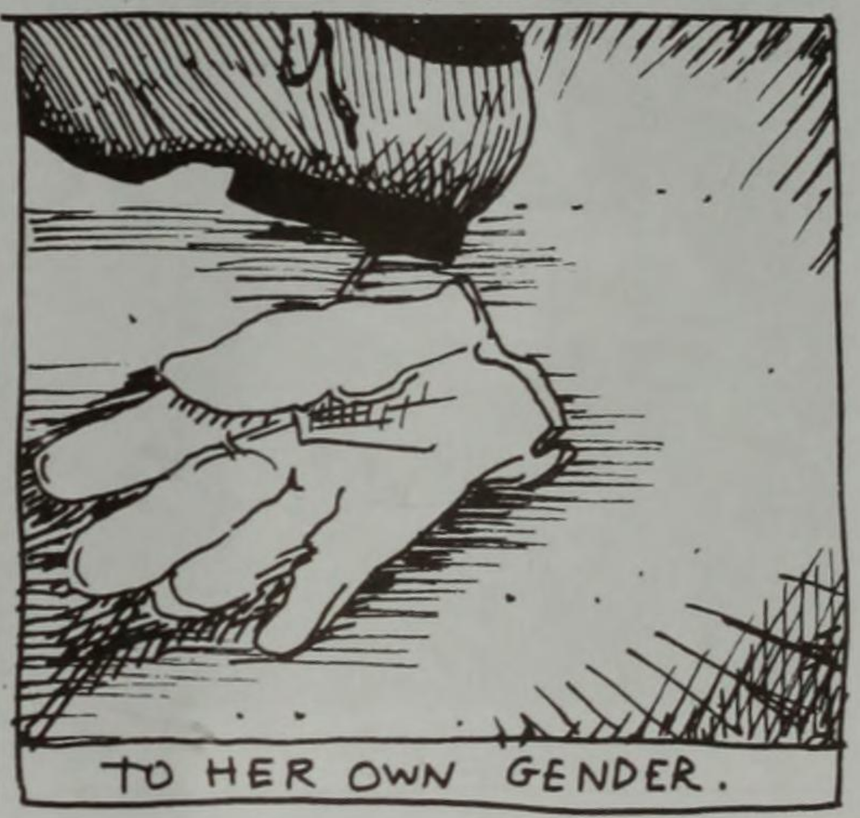

ON HER WAY HOME...
HEY BUDDY.. GOT THE TIME?
ONEY ISLAND
XPI
ODD GIRL OUT


SPARE A QUARTER FOR AN OLD MAN, SON?
SHE BECOMES DISORIENTED...


ANYTHING ELSE, SIR?
TAM-PAX
BY SOCIETY'S REPEATED


THANK YOU, SIR.
MISAPPREHENSIONS...


HEY LADY!
„AND NO LONGER ANSWERS...


TO HER OWN GENDER.

The Relationship...

A Cautionary Tale For Young Ladies in Love

part one

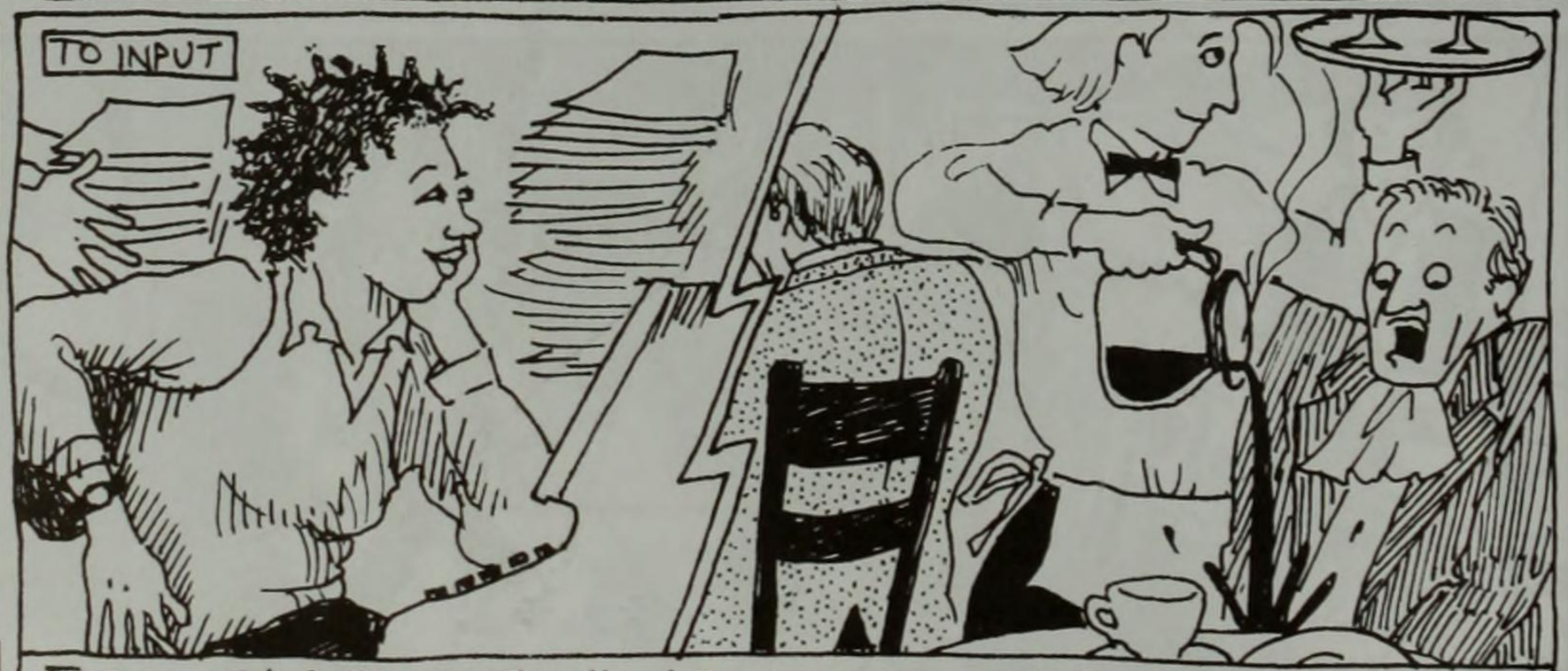
BY MISS DELIA BLOENSCH



THEY MEET AT THE PARTY OF A MUTUAL FRIEND...



THEY HAVE GREAT SEX.



FOR WEEKS, THEY THINK ABOUT EACH OTHER CONSTANTLY.

THEY DO EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

SLOWER.

THEY HAVE GOOD SEX.

I THINK SHE'S GETTING TOO DEPENDENT ON ME.

ONE DAY, THEY BEGIN TO GET ON EACH OTHER'S NERVES.

WE'RE OUT OF MILK.

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO HOSTILE?

THE NEW YOR COMPOS

JINGO!

THEY WORK IT OUT AND LIVE TOGETHER FOR A YEAR AND A HALF.

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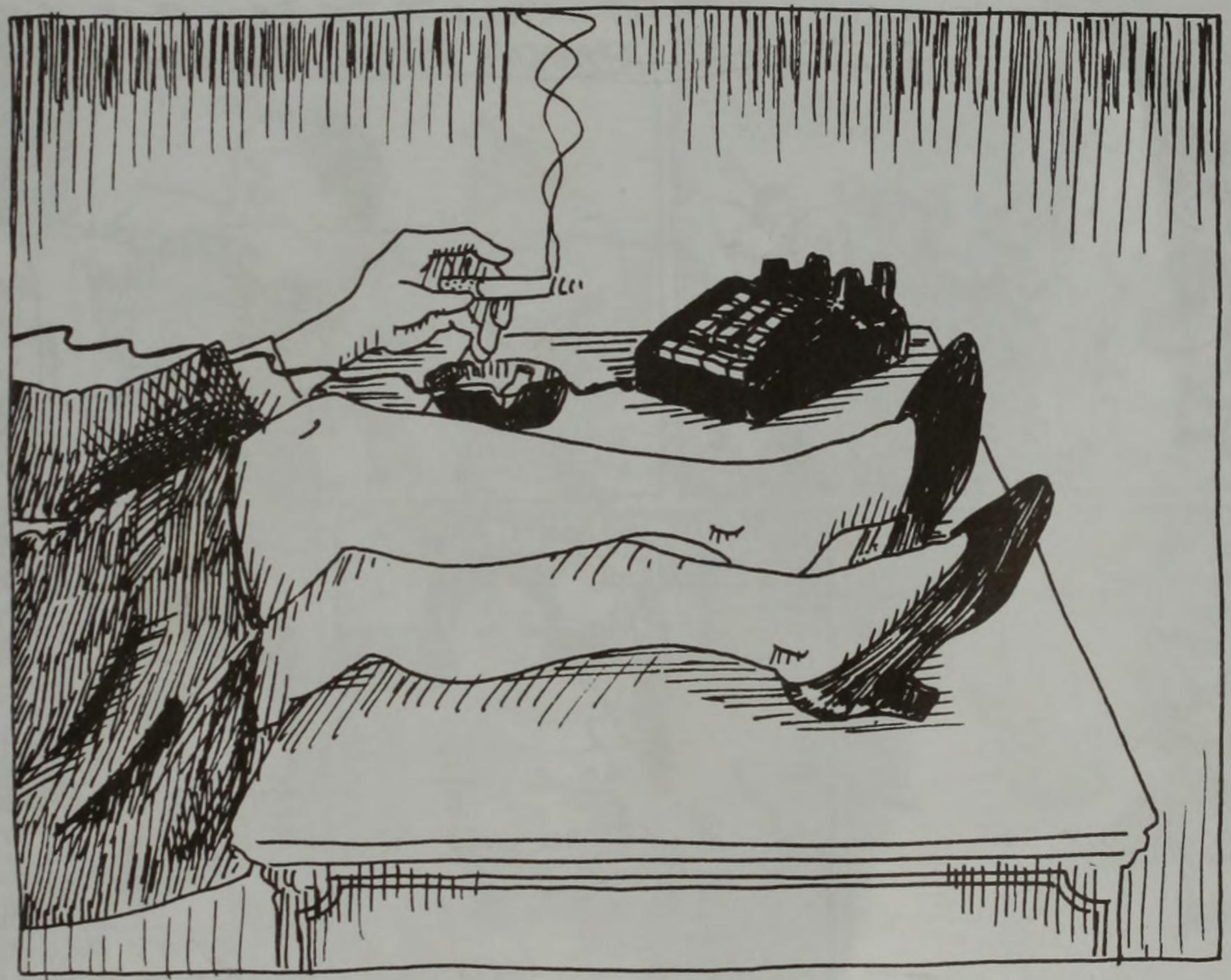
THEY HAVE INFREQUENT SEX.

BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET!

STAY TUNED FOR THE HARROWING CONCLUSION OF THIS ILL-FATED AFFAIR!!



C is for Cleo, who wouldn't eat meat.



D is for Deirdre, who worked on Wall Street.

I UNDERSTAND... THE REASON WHY... YOU'RE MIS-ER-ABLE 'CAUSE SO AM I! IT'S DEJECTION! IT'S DESPONDENCE! It's Depression!

IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US. ONE DAY, FOR NO APPARENT REASON, YOU WAKE UP DEPRESSED.

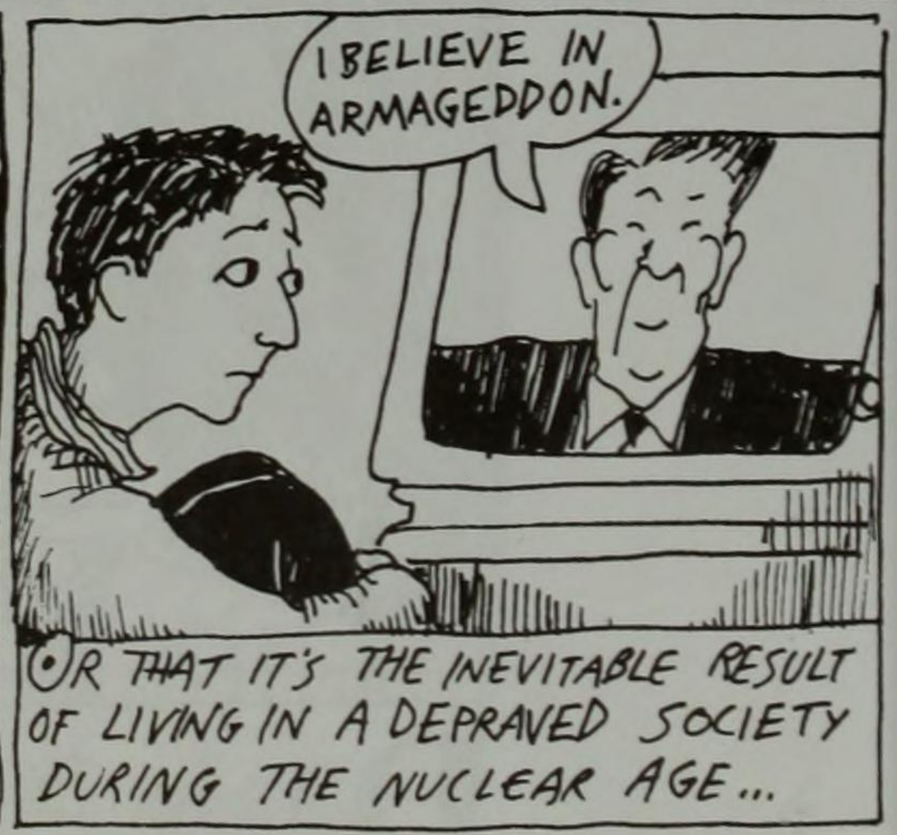




YOU MAY THINK IT'S HORMONES...

OR BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND...





OR THAT IT'S THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF LIVING IN A DEPRAVED SOCIETY DURING THE NUCLEAR AGE...

BUT IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!

IT'S WELL-KNOWN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT EVEN WOMEN WITH RICH LOVERS AND NO POLITICAL AWARENESS...

STOP MOPING, PAMELA! IT'S TOO BORING!

...ARE OFTEN DEPRESSED!!

AND THOUGH THERE ARE MANY POPULAR REMEDIES FOR DEPRESSION, SUCH AS SUGAR...

DOM-INO

CHOC-LIT MILK!

...SEX,...

...YES, I MET YOU AFTER THE MEETING LAST WEEK... WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET TOGETHER FOR A DRINK SOMETIME SOON? LIKE IN FIVE MINUTES?

AND RECLUSIVE BEHAVIOR,...

NOTHING REALLY WORKS EXCEPT WAITING FOR IT TO PASS... TICKTICKTICK

ONE DAY, JUST AS INEXPLICABLY, YOU WILL WAKE UP IN A GOOD MOOD.

The Relation-ship... part two

IN OUR LAST EPISODE, THE BLOOM HAD JUST BEGUN TO FADE. THINGS ARE LOOKING PALER AND PALER FOR OUR INTREPID COUPLE....



THEY BECOME HYPERSENSITIVE TO EACH OTHER'S IDIOSYNCRACIES.



THEY ARGUE ABOUT SEX.



THEY DECIDE TO EXPERIMENT WITH NONMONOGAMY.

TICK TICK

ONE OF THEM GETS MORE INVOLVED IN THERAPY.

I WANT TO LIVE ALONE.

I'M MOVING TO SAN FRANCISCO.

GRADUALLY, THEY DRIFT APART.

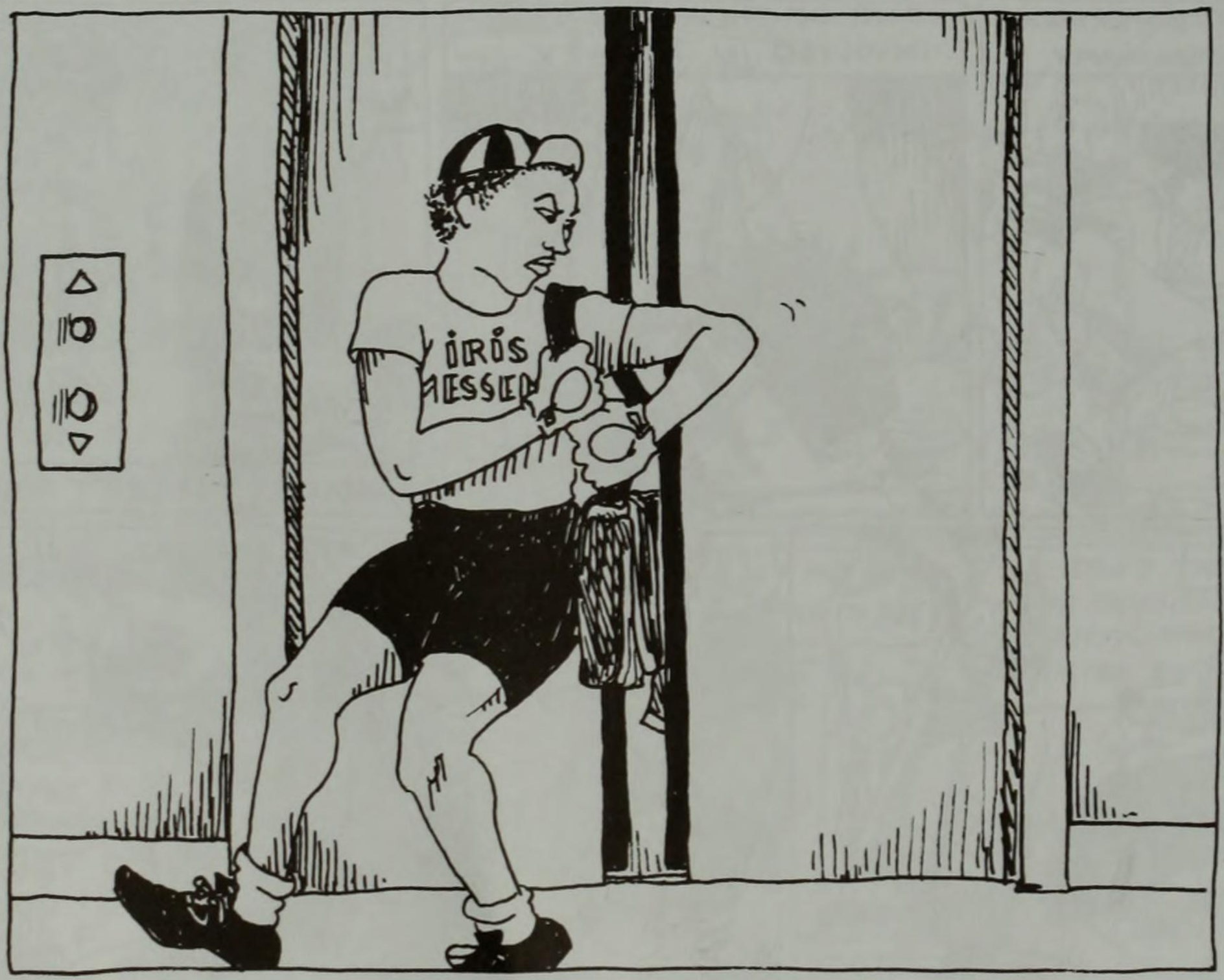
THE BREAKUP IS TRAUMATIC.

I GOTTA GO, SWEETIE. MY DATE'S HERE. I LOVE YOU.

OKAY, PAL. WE LOVE YOU, TOO.

BUT THEY REMAIN CLOSE FRIENDS FOREVER AFTER.

THE END



E is for Elsie, who came with a message.



F is for Fanny, who lost all her luggage.

Byrne to Watch Out For

PRESENTS

THE RULE

WITH THANKS TO LIZ WALLACE

CKY VII

WANNA SEE A MOVIE AND GET POPCORN?

COMING SOON!

THE MERCENARY

WELL,... I DUNNO. I HAVE THIS RULE, SEE...

I ONLY GO TO A MOVIE IF IT SATISFIES THREE BASIC REQUIREMENTS. **ONE**, IT HAS TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO WOMEN IN IT..

NOW PLAYING

HE BARBARIAN

...WHO, TWO, **TALK** TO EACH OTHER ABOUT, THREE, SOMETHING BESIDES A **MAN**.

THE VIGILANTE

PRETTY STRICT, BUT A GOOD IDEA.

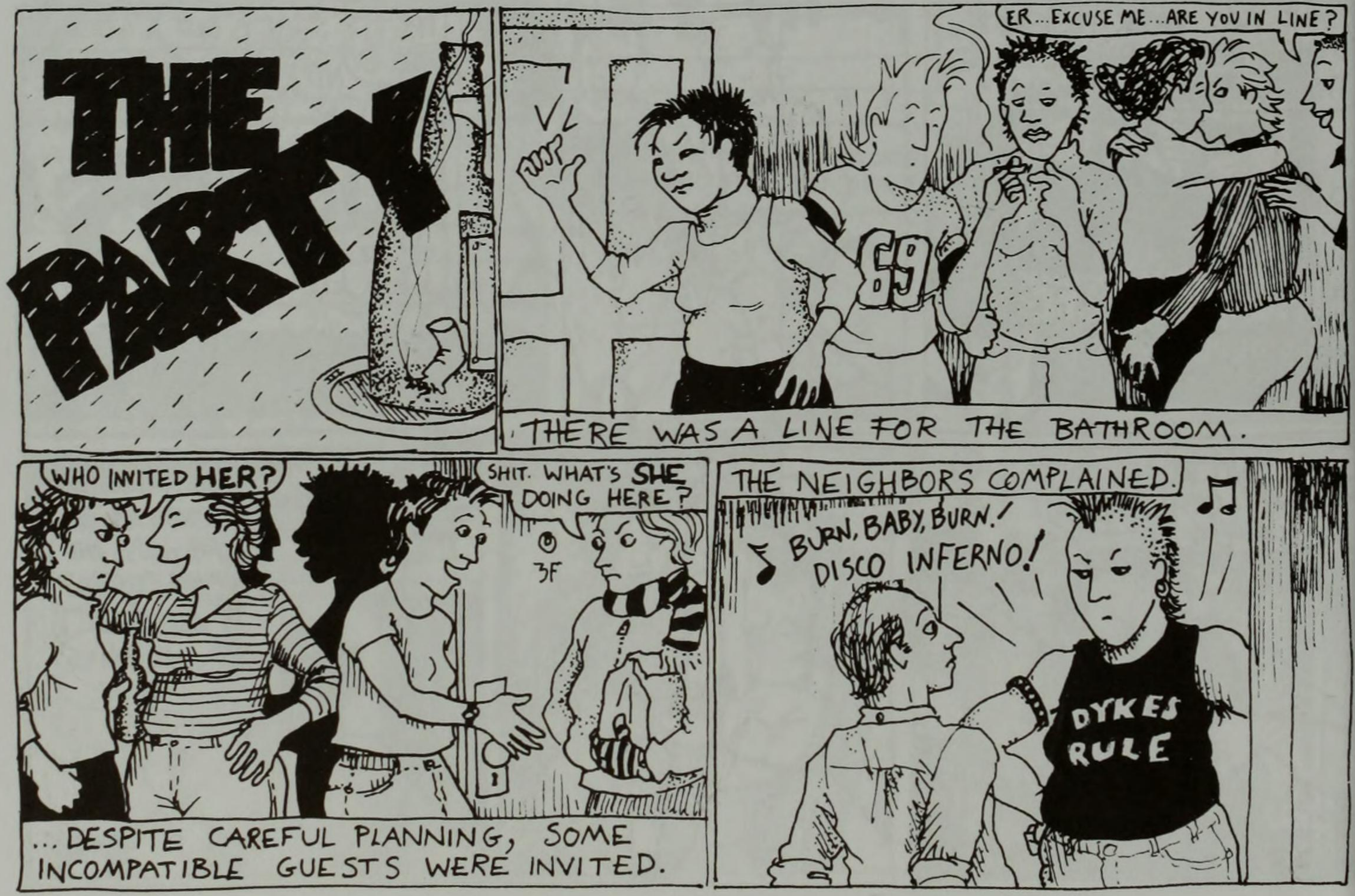
NO KIDDING. LAST MOVIE I WAS ABLE TO SEE WAS ALIEN...

...THE TWO WOMEN IN IT TALK TO EACH OTHER ABOUT THE MONSTER.

RAMBO MEETS GODZILLA

WANNA GO TO MY HOUSE AND MAKE POPCORN?

NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'.


THE PARTY
ER... EXCUSE ME... ARE YOU IN LINE?
69
THERE WAS A LINE FOR THE BATHROOM.
WHO INVITED HER?
SHIT. WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?
3F
... DESPITE CAREFUL PLANNING, SOME INCOMPATIBLE GUESTS WERE INVITED.
THE NEIGHBORS COMPLAINED.
BURN, BABY, BURN! DISCO INFERNO!
DYKES RULE

SOME REGRETTABLE SCENES OCCURRED...

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♫ WE ARE FA·MI·LY! ♫

PEOPLE WERE STILL DANCING AT 4 A.M.!

BATZ

BREW

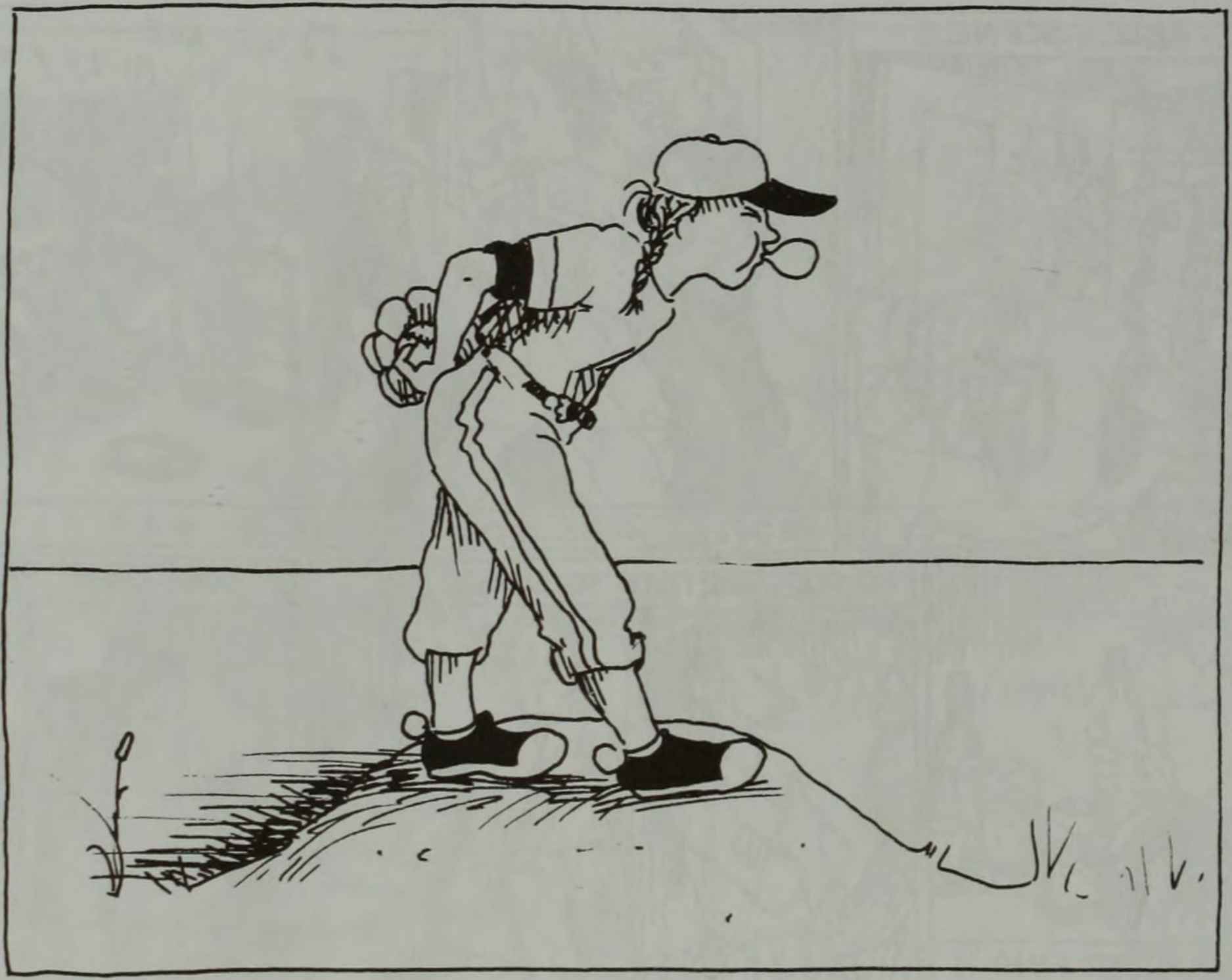
SYLVIA WAS **AGHAST** TO FIND THAT HER MOTHERPEACE TAROT CARDS WERE BEING USED AS **COASTERS!**

NO ONE WANTED TO LEAVE!

3F

IT WAS SOME PARTY.

BELCH



G is for Gretchen, who Knew at age seven.



H is for Hope, who would not go to heaven.

Great Romances THAT NEVER WERE!

PERHAPS YOU WERE FIRST STRUCK BY HER **TRICEPS** DEFINITION AT THE LOCAL 'Y'.

CRUNCH!

OR MAYBE IT WAS HER LUCID DEFENSE OF SEPARATISM IN YOUR WOMEN'S STUDIES CLASS.

LURCH!

GRIIIIND!

IRIS MESSENGER SERVICE

SHIT. WE'RE STUCK.

MEMO

OR THEN AGAIN, PERHAPS YOU WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY A **PERVERSE TWIST** OF **FATE!**

UM..EXCUSE ME... I... THAT IS TO SAY... I REALLY LIKE YOUR FRENCH CURLS.

WITH **NERVES** OF **STEEL**, YOU APPROACHED HER!

YOU TALKED!

BUT SOMEHOW, THE TWO OF YOU JUST COULDN'T GET IT TOGETHER!

YOUR **EYES** MET.

...BUT HER GAZE WAS TOO INTENSE.

WAS IT **SHYNESS**? **PASSIVITY**? **FEAR** OF **REJECTION**?

YOU COPPED OUT!

NICE MEETING YOU

SAME HERE.

YOU STILL WONDER SOMETIMES WHAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE...

SOAP OPERA DIGEST

BUT THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW!

STRAIGHT PEOPLE ARE TAUGHT TO DATE AND MATE FROM MOVIES, TV, AND THEIR PARENTS. BUT WHERE DOES THE YOUNG OR NEWLY COME-OUT LESBIAN LEARN THE RITES AND DELIGHTS OF SAPPHIC ROMANCE? HERE AT LAST IS THE OFFICIAL ....

DYKES TO WATCH OUT FOR GUIDE TO The First Sleepover

DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER HOUR-LONG SPEECH ON CENTRAL AMERICA. SHE'S PROBABLY THINKING THE SAME THING YOU ARE.



DON'T MAKE HER GUESS WHETHER YOUR INTENTIONS ARE HONORABLE.



BACK AT YOUR PLACE... **DO** BE DIRECT.



DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.




DON'T
REFER TO YOUR JOY OF LESBIAN SEX MANUAL.


DO
ASK HER WHAT SHE LIKES.
...RUM RAISIN ICE CREAM... SNOW... BROWN PAPER PACKAGES TIED UP IN STRING...

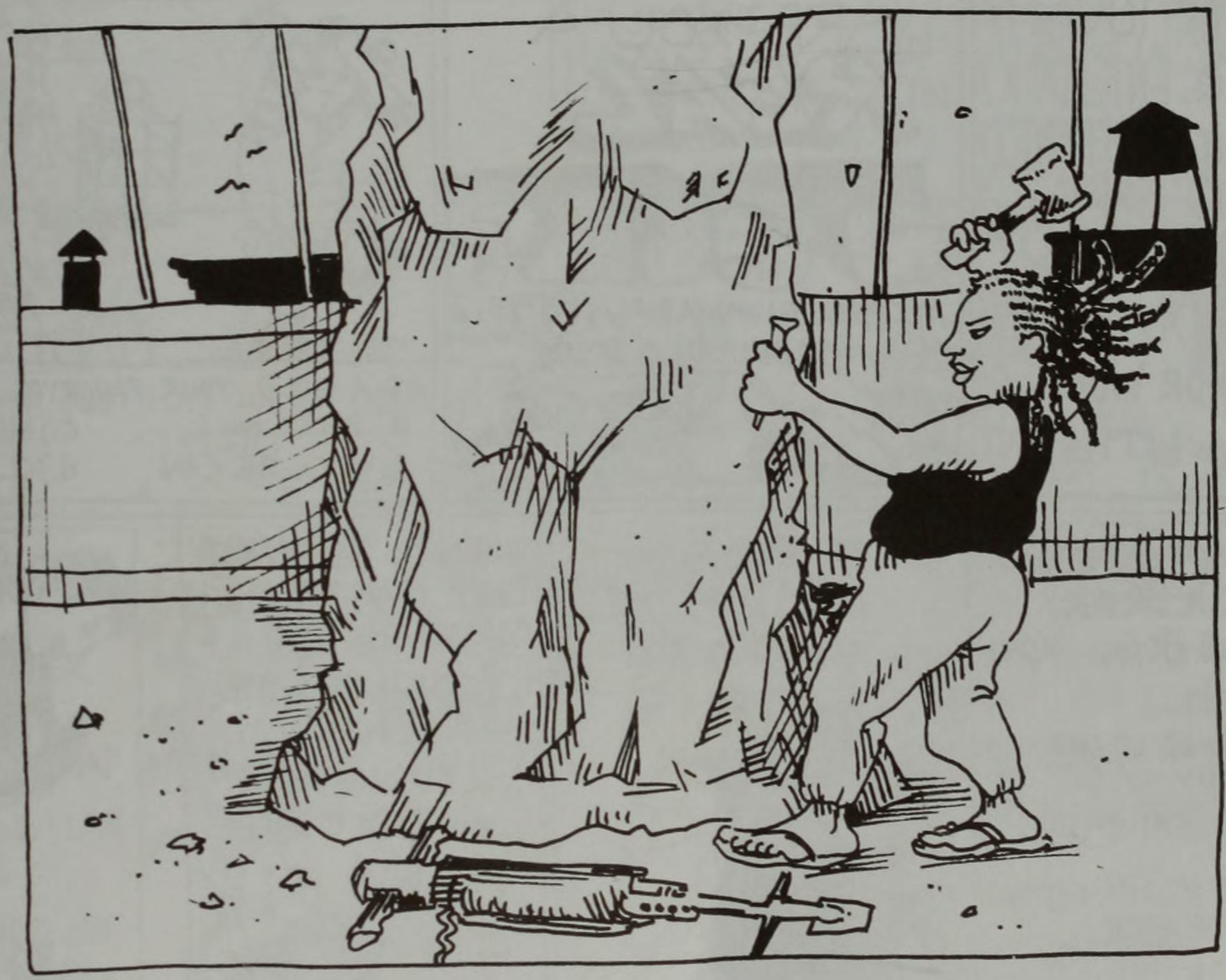

DON'T
MAKE COMPARISONS.
GOSH, YOU SOUND JUST LIKE MY EX-LOVER!


DON'T
GET CARRIED AWAY.
SO, WHEN ARE YOU MOVING IN?


BUT BY ALL MEANS
DO
MAKE ANOTHER DATE.
DATE BOOK
APPOINTMENTS



I is for Iris, a very wise crone.



J is for Jasmine, who sculpted in stone.

THEY'RE TOUGH!
THEY'RE ENIGMATIC!
THEY'VE MYSTIFIED US ALL SINCE **CHILDHOOD!**
SURE, YOU MIGHT **JOG** OR **WORK OUT** A LITTLE, BUT

...ARE YOU A REAL JOG?

ANOTHER ILLUMINATING QUIZ
by MISS DELILAH B. SCONE

Ben-Gay



AS A CHILD, YOUR FAVORITE GAME WAS:
a.) DODGE BALL
b.) KICK THE CAN
c.) HOUSE
d.) OLD MAID

HOW'S YOUR ENDURANCE? AFTER A BRISK 5-MILE JOG, YOU FEEL:
a.) WARMED-UP AND READY TO GO
b.) SELF-SATISFIED
c.) LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO BE SICK
d.) SICK



WHEN YOU SEE AN EMPTY BEER CAN, YOU ARE COMPELLED TO:
a.) CRUSH IT WITH ONE HAND
b.) CRUSH IT WITH WHATEVER IT TAKES
c.) REDEEM IT
d.) USE IT FOR AN ASHTRAY





YOUR FAVORITE POSITION IN SOFTBALL IS:

a.) SHORTSTOP
b.) LEFT FIELD
c.) RIGHT FIELD
d.) ON THE BENCH

IF SOMEONE GAVE YOU A MEMBERSHIP TO THE LOCAL 'Y', YOU WOULD IMMEDIATELY SIGN UP FOR CLASSES IN:

a.) POWERLIFTING
b.) SELF-DEFENSE
c.) AEROBICS
d.) MEDITATION



YOUR SPORTS FANTASY IS TO:

a.) PLAY IN THE SUPER BOWL
b.) FINISH A MARATHON
c.) GET A GRAND SLAM IN BRIDGE
d.) COLLECT $100 OFF YOUR $10 SUPER BOWL BET



SCORE YOURSELF:

FOR EVERY 'A' ANSWER, SCORE 3 POINTS
B= 2 POINTS, C= 1 POINT, D= 0 POINTS.

what you are:

0-5 = AN UNREPENTANT COUCH POTATO
6-10 = A WIMP
11-14 = A NOUVEAU ATHLETE
15-18 = OUCH! YOU WIN! YES, YOU'RE A

REAL JOCK!

Literary

DYKES TO WATCH OUT FOR

a HELOISE C. BLAND *lecture*

THE FOLLOWING GUIDE ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE A PSYCHOLOGICAL CATALOGUE OF THE MORE COMMON TYPES OF ***LESBIANS*** *WHO* ***WRITE.***



THE TEQUILA NOCTURNALIA WRITES ONLY AT NIGHT...



WHILE THE ANALUS PERFECTUS WRITES ONLY IN THE MORNING.



FLOPPIUS DISCUS IS ABLE TO FUNCTION CREATIVELY **ONLY** WHILE USING HER WORD-PROCESSOR.

THE INGESTIS POETICA IS CHIEFLY DISTINGUISHED BY HER NEED FOR A CONSTANT FLOW OF INSPIRATION...



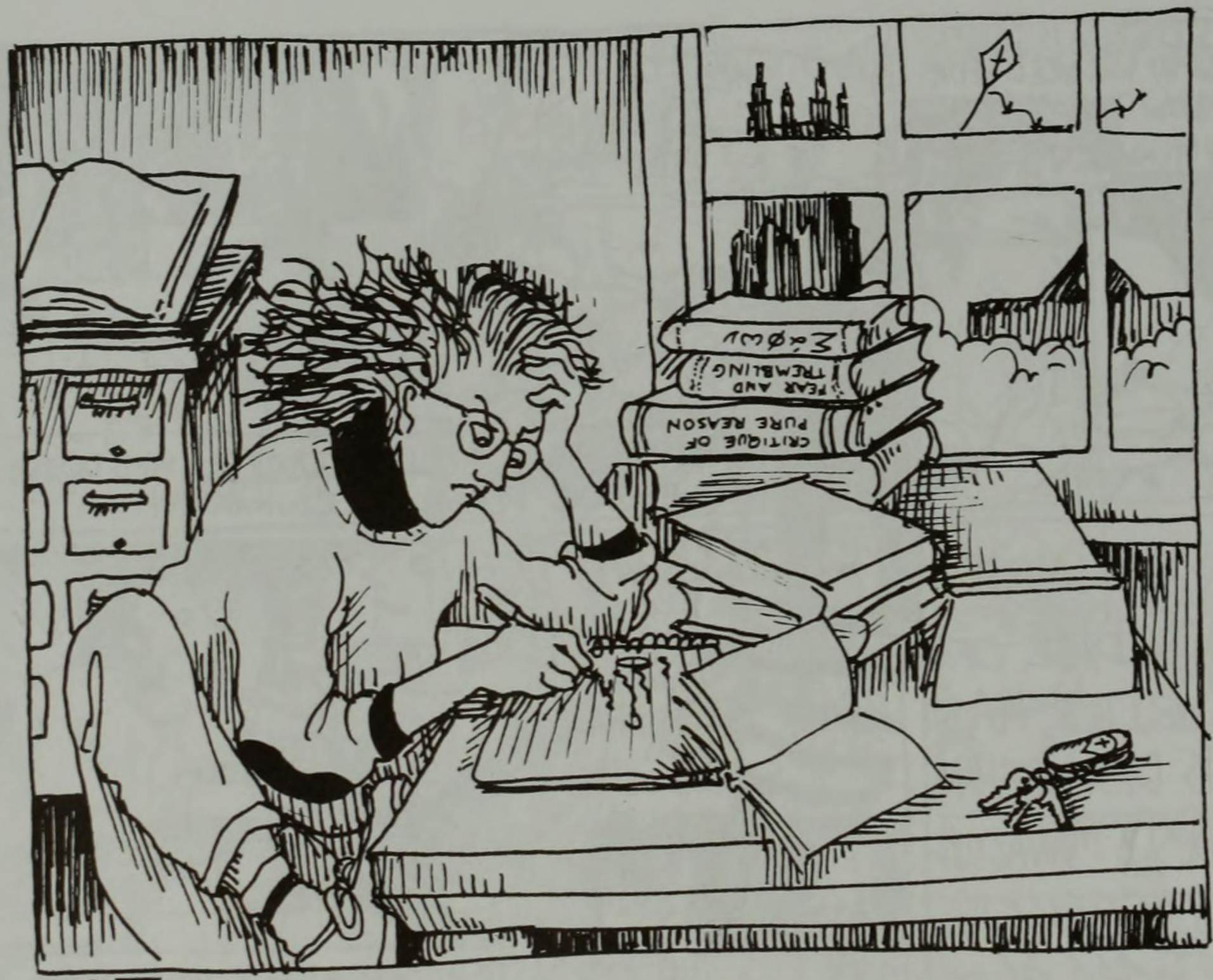


...AS OPPOSED TO THE SCRIPTUS INTERRUPTUS, WHO DEPENDS ON THE CHANCE, ERRATIC FLASH OF ILLUMINATION.

HOWEVER, THE MOST PREVALENT TYPE OF LESBIAN WRITER HAS THE CURIOUS DISTINCTION OF MIRACULOUSLY MANAGING TO NEVER ACTUALLY **WRITE** AT ALL!!



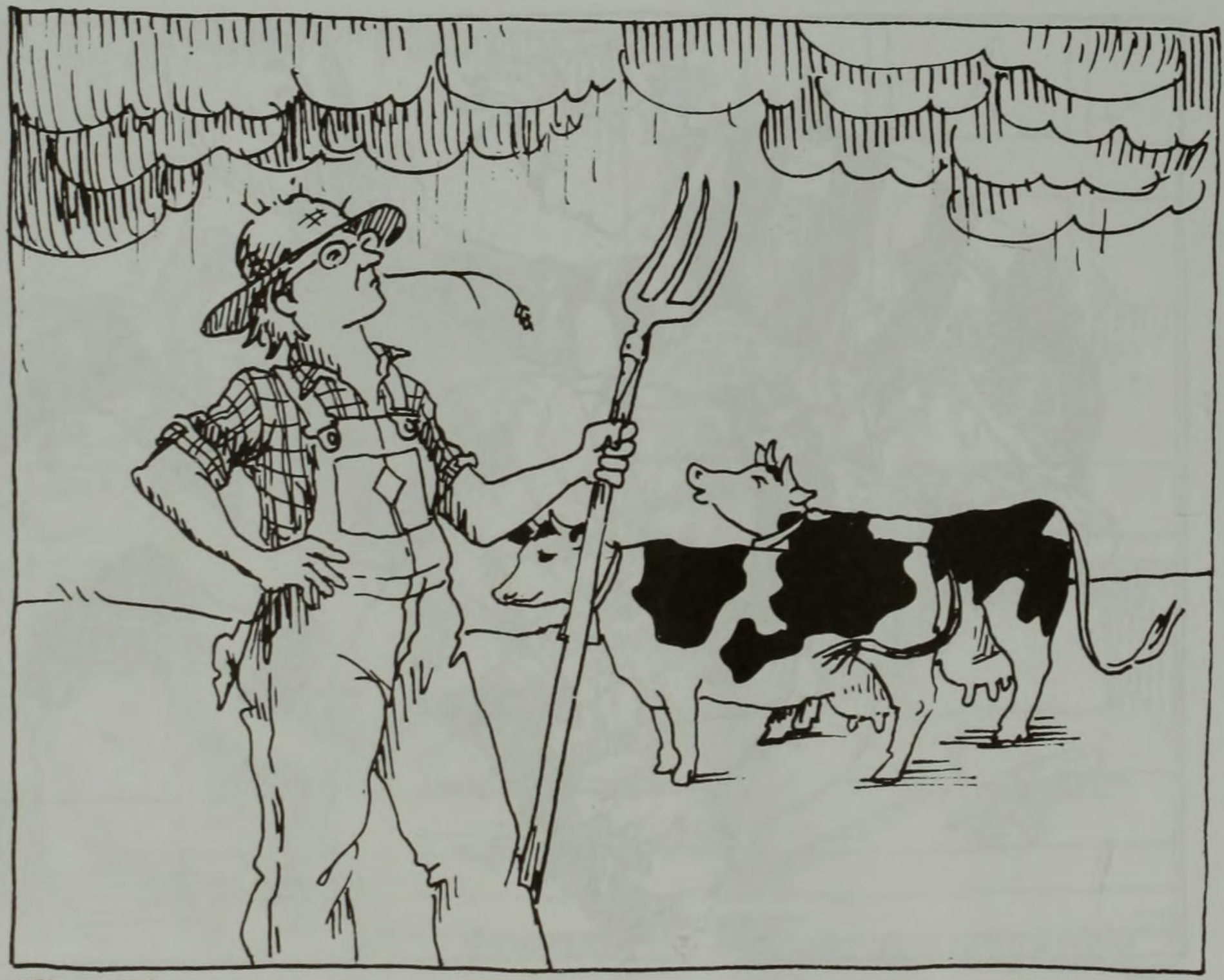
THIS IS THE PROCRASTINATORIA INERTIA, WHO FREQUENTS A VARIETY OF HABITATS IN THE EVASIVE PURSUIT of HER MUSE.



K is for Kate, a confirmed academic.



L is for Leila, who was more Kinetic.



M is for Maude, who predicted the weather.



N is for Noelle, who liked to wear leather.

Politi-Cola

OR,

THE BIRTH OF AN ACTIVIST

IRENE, A COKAHOLIC AND PROUD OF IT, HASN'T BEEN HERSELF SINCE THE UNWELCOME ADVENT OF 'NEW' COKE.



A CURIOUS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE UNNERVES HER STILL FURTHER.





SHE BEGINS TO BE PLAGUED BY STRANGE, VISIONARY DREAMS.

WHATEVER ITS OUTCOME, THE 1988 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL BE A HISTORIC ONE OWING TO AMERICA'S RECENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERN **TWO-COLA POLITICAL SYSTEM...**



WE'RE HERE AT THE PEPSI PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION WHERE THE PEPSI CANDIDATE, **GERALDINE FERRARO,** IS ABOUT TO SPEAK.

THE COKE PARTY IS LIVING IN THE PAST! PEPSI IS THE HOPE OF AMERICA'S FUTURE!

IRENE WAKENS NIGHTLY IN A COLD SWEAT, SCREAMING..

WHAT'S THE DIFFER-ENCE?!

MORE!

HER THERAPIST IS NOT MUCH HELP.

YOU'RE GETTING TOO MUCH CAFFEINE.

THE DREAMS GROW MORE FRIGHTENING!

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH ALL THE OLD COKE?

SELL IT AS MISSILE FUEL!

MARKET IT IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AS INFANT FORMULA!

OR INSECTICIDE!

OR BIRTH CONTROL!



SHE DECIDES TO GO COLD TURKEY.

SODA'S A PATRIARCHAL PLOT! WHY DO YA THINK THEY CALL IT POP?!

THEN, CAFFEINE-FREE, SHE HITS THE STREETS TO JOIN THE FIGHT FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

STRAIGHT people to watch out for

THOSE **WACKY** HETEROS!
HOW DO THEY PUT UP WITH IT ALL?
WHY DO THEY **BOTHER**?!



ANNE HAS MISLAID HER DIAPHRAGM.



AFTER A WHILE, BOB FINDS IT...





ANNE MAKES SOME QUICK REPAIRS.



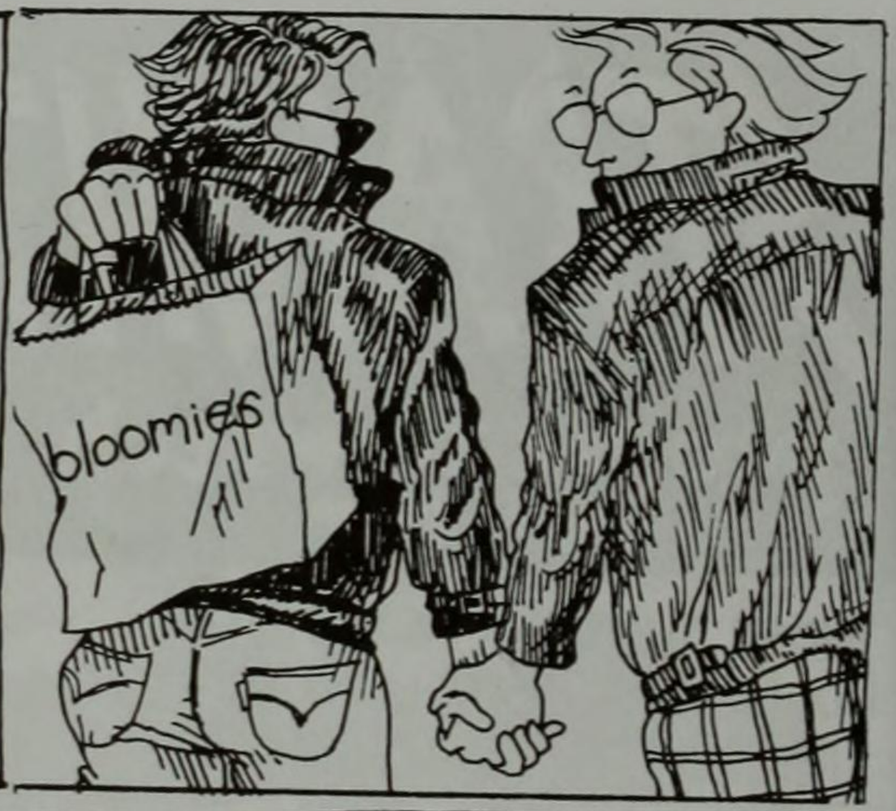
AND AFTER **ALL THAT**...
BOB STILL HAS TO GO OUT TO THE DRUGSTORE!

IN YOUR FEMINIST NAIVETÉ, YOU THOUGHT THEY **DIDN'T EXIST.** BUT **NOW...** THEY'RE ***OUT OF LAW SCHOOL!!***

LOOKOUT! IT'S LUPPIES *

*LESBIAN URBAN PROFESSIONALS

THEIR LEATHER JACKETS COST SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS !!



WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT



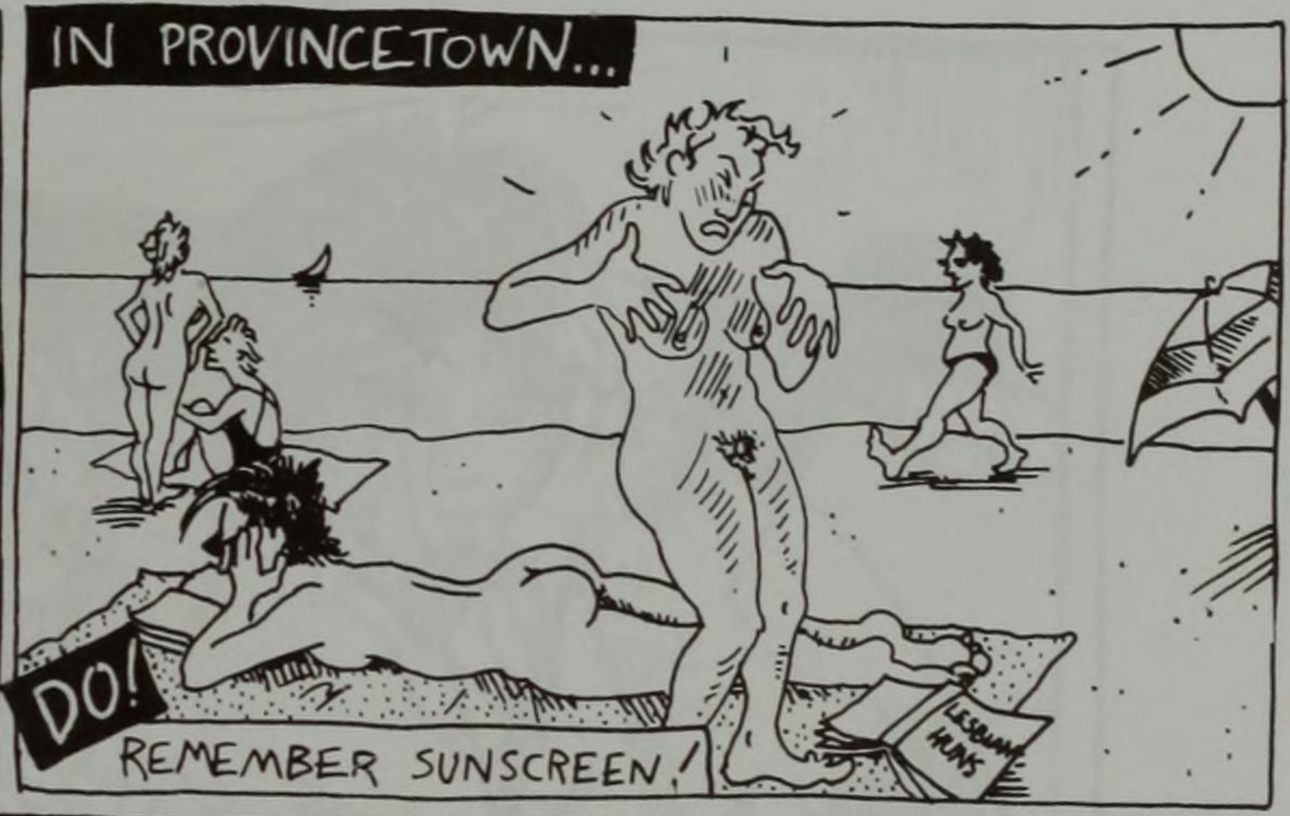
THEY'RE **NOT** DISCUSSING THEIR RELATIONSHIPS !!!

...BUT WHAT GOOD IS THE REVOLUTION IF I'M OUT OF SHAPE WHEN IT HAPPENS?!



AND THEY'VE **RE-EVALUATED** THEIR PRIORITIES!!

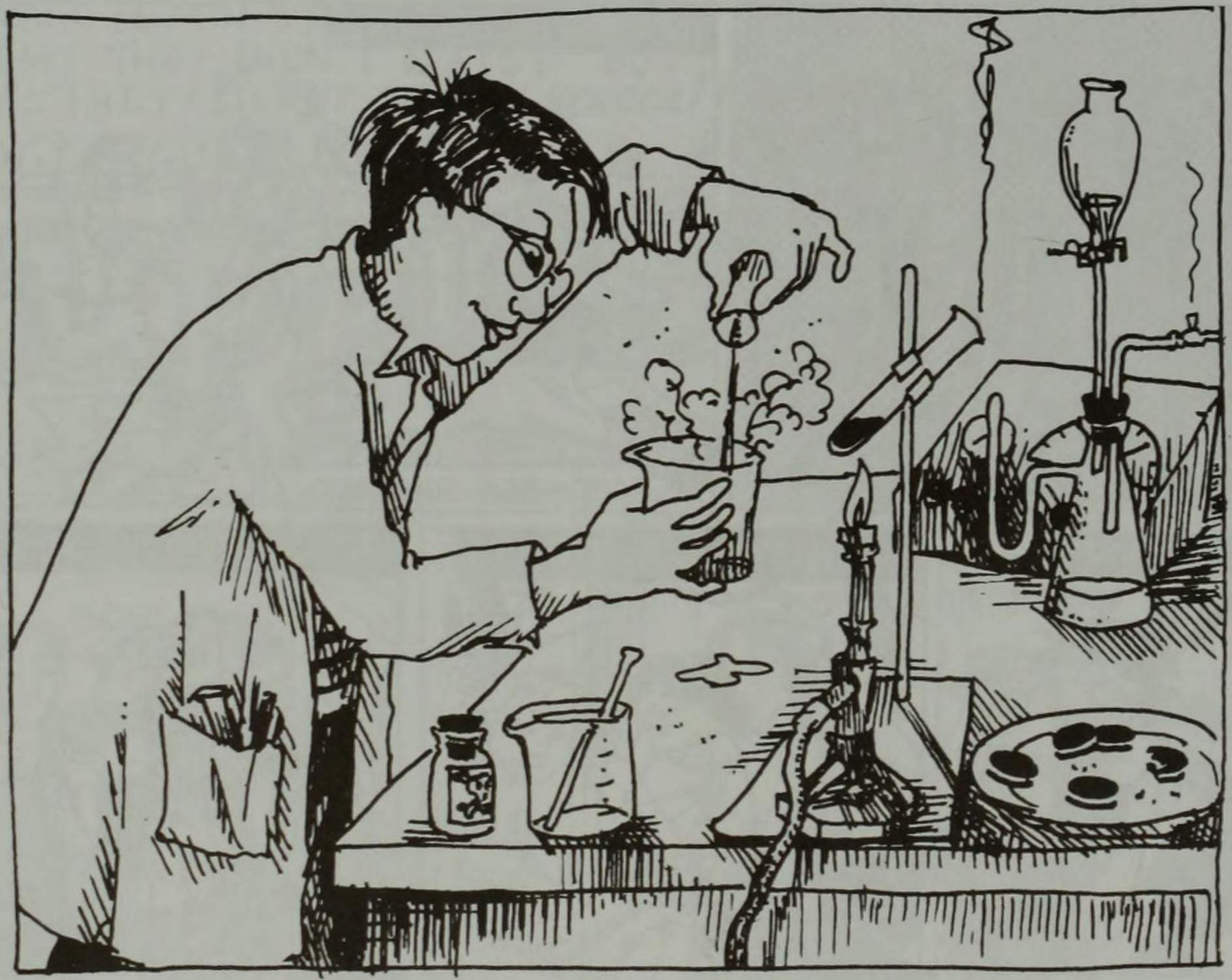
Summer GROOMING TIPS











O is for Opal, who brewed an amalgam.



P is for Prudence, who threw out her diaphragm.

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ACH-RIDDEN, SUNLESS RAT HOLE

THOUGH STILL UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL SPEND THEIR JULY VACATION IN PROVINCETOWN OR NICARAGUA,...

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DRUSILLA AND ENID UNDERTAKE THE THANKLESS TASK OF INTERVIEWING PROSPECTIVE SUBLETTERS.

OKAY IF I PARK MY HARLEY IN THE LIVING ROOM? IT DOESN'T LEAK MUCH.

MY BAND WILL BE PRACTICING HERE. DO THE NEIGHBORS LIKE MUSIC?

SHE LOVES CATS, REALLY. SHE GREW UP WITH THEM.

HISSSSSSS!

WOOF

SORRY, THE BED'S NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE COLLECTIVE.

THEIR SEARCH IS, SO TO SPEAK, FRUITLESS.

SLAM!

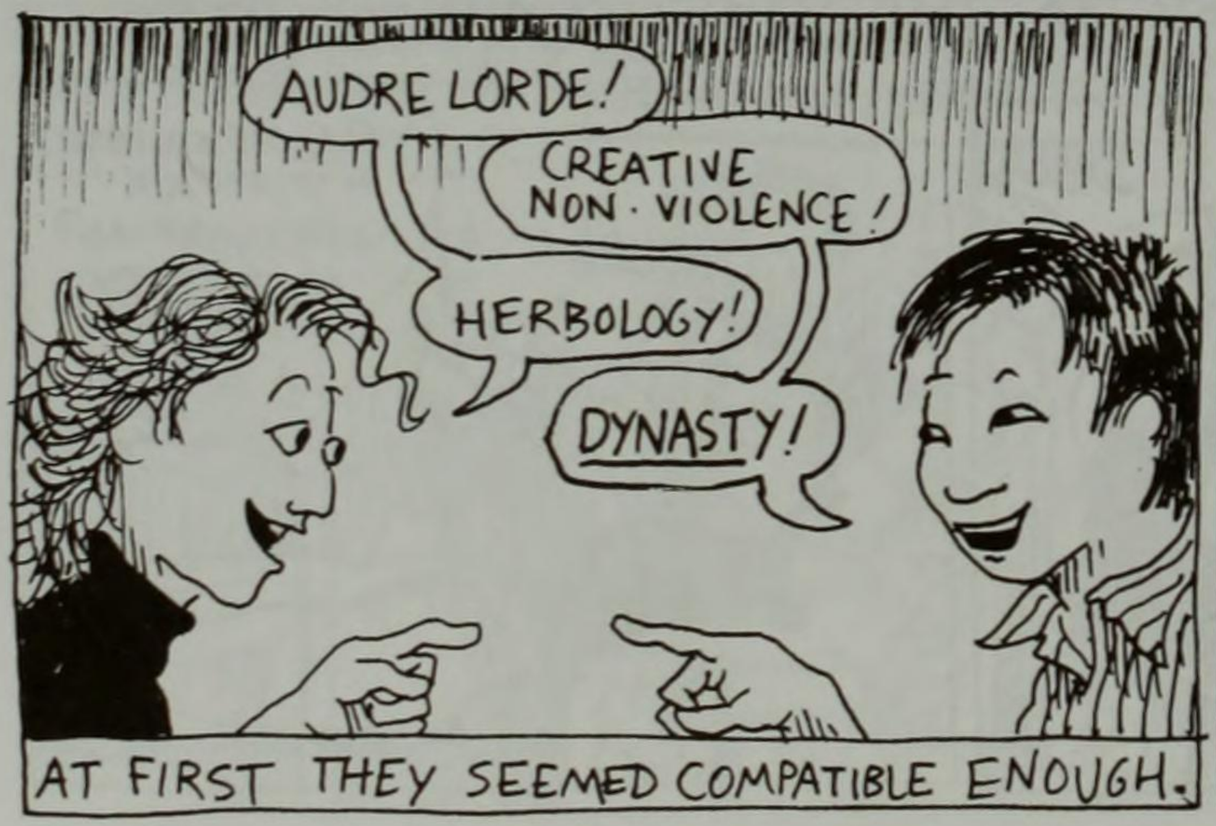
IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER TORPID SUMMER IN THE CITY FOR OUR HAPLESS COUPLE.

WELL, WE CAN BUY A USED AIR-CONDITIONER AND GO TO CONEY ISLAND A LOT...

THE ROOM-MATES

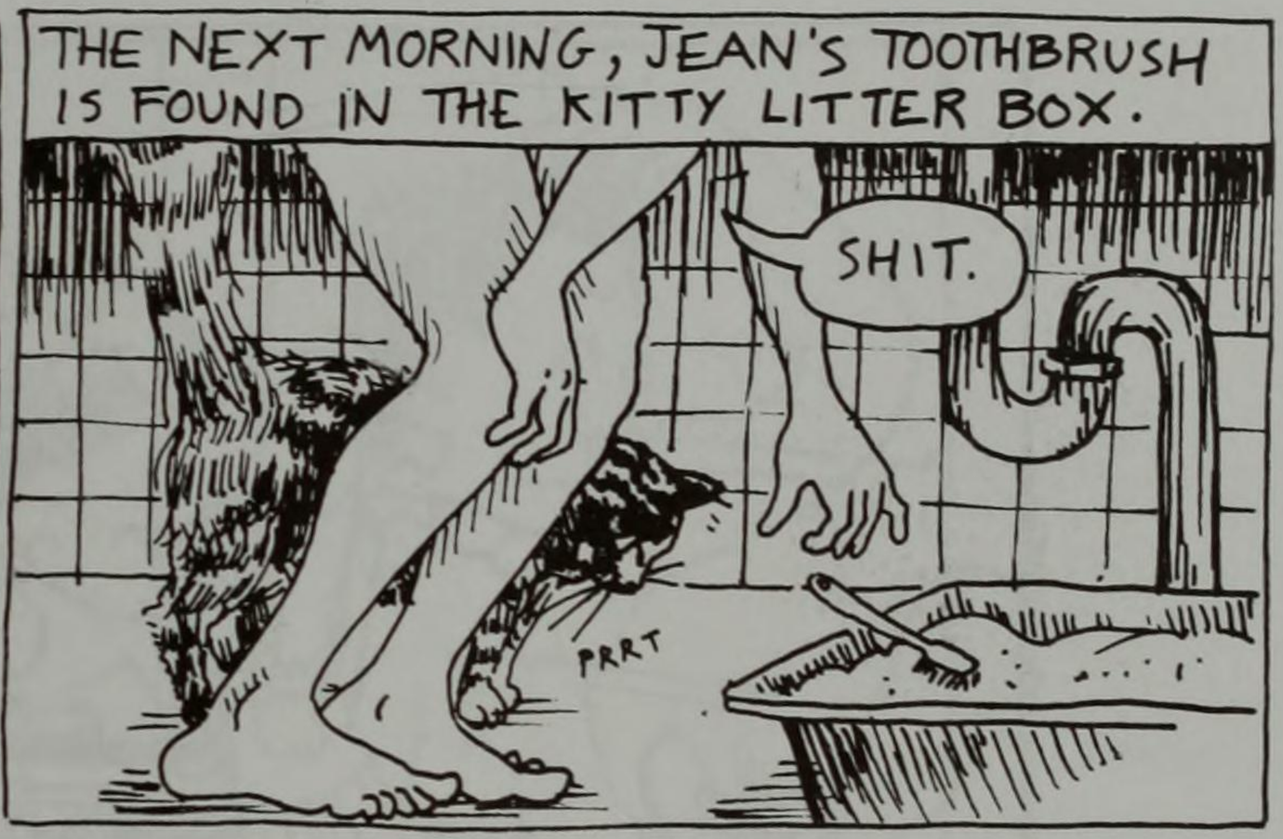
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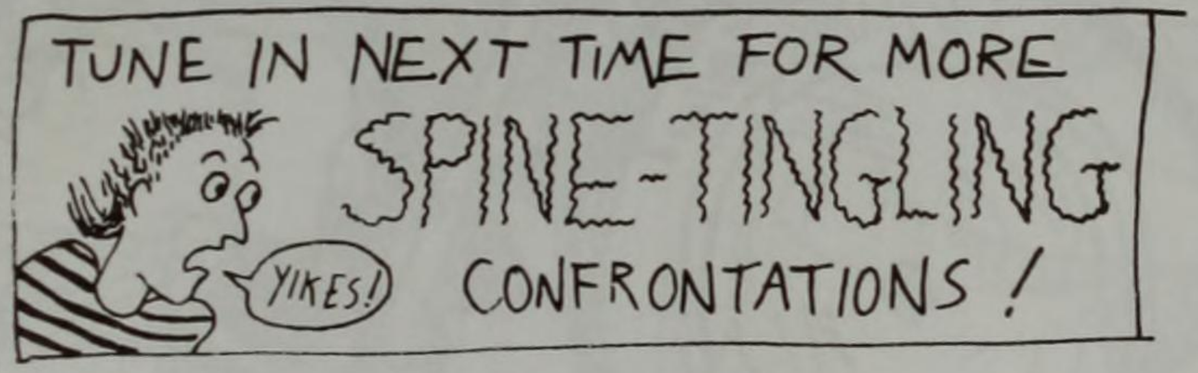


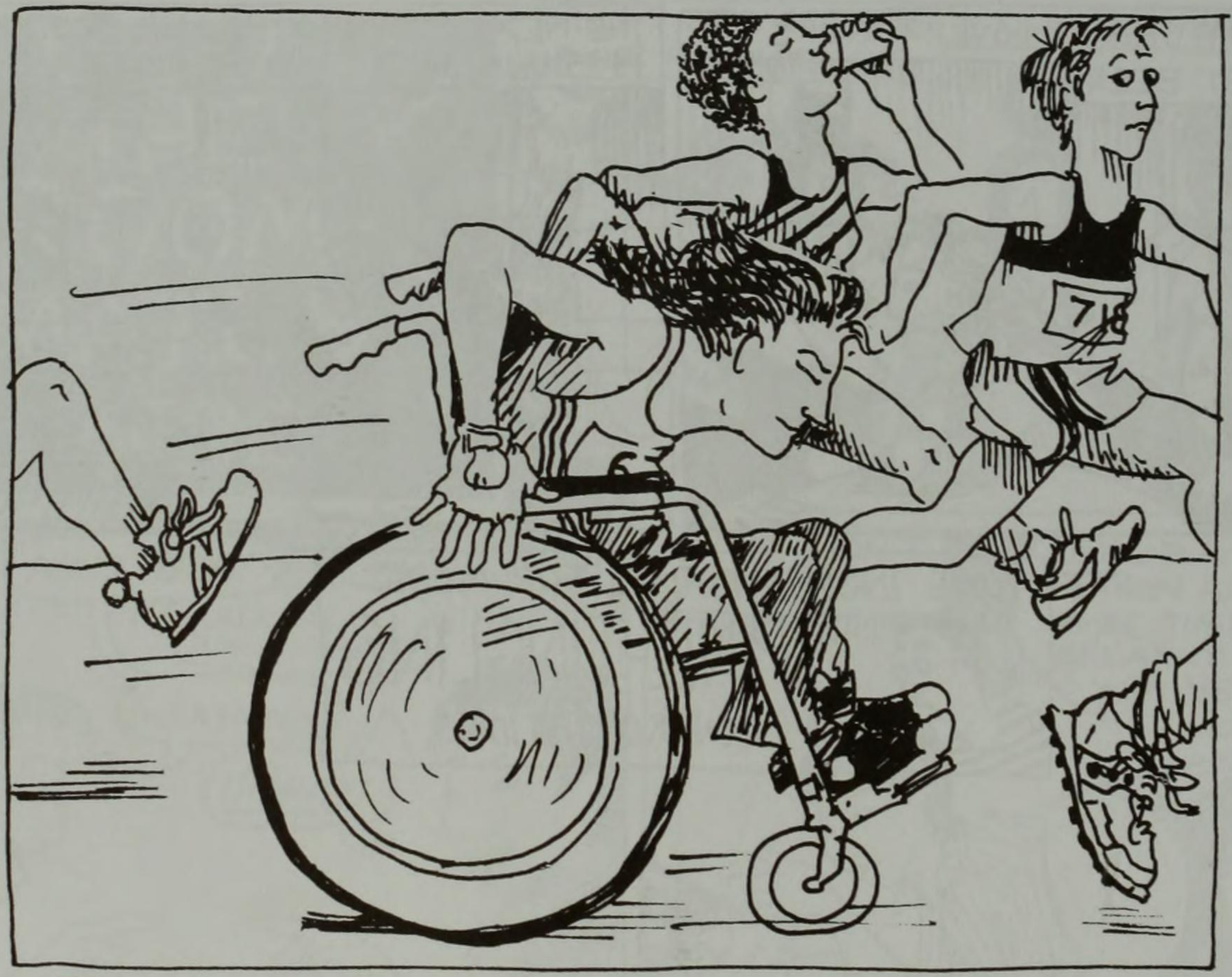





ONE NIGHT JEAN'S LOVER DRINKS FLO'S LAST BEER.


THE NEXT MORNING, JEAN'S TOOTHBRUSH IS FOUND IN THE KITTY LITTER BOX.
SHIT.
PRRT


TUNE IN NEXT TIME FOR MORE
SPINE-TINGLING
CONFRONTATIONS!
YIKES!



Q is for Queenie, who raced in her chair.



R is for Rachel, who cut off her hair.

IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND ALWAYS LATE? ARE YOU OBSESSIVELY PUNCTUAL?! DO YOU SEEM TO SPEND MOST OF YOUR LIFE...

WAITING ?!

EAST RIVER

MANHATTAN BRIDGE

RR TRAIN

INSTEAD OF ENVISIONING MASS TRANSIT DISASTERS...

QUIET PLEASE PERFORMANCE IN PROGRESS

NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS

OR REHEARSING THE ARGUMENT YOU'LL HAVE WHEN SHE FINALLY GETS THERE...

MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF ALL THAT EXTRA TIME.!!

I WAIT... THEREFORE, I AM.

YOUR DOG

PONDER THE NATURE OF EXISTENCE!!

ARRANGE TO MEET HER NEAR A VIDEO ARCADE!

Queen of the Amazons

ATTA GIRL, PENTHESILEIA!

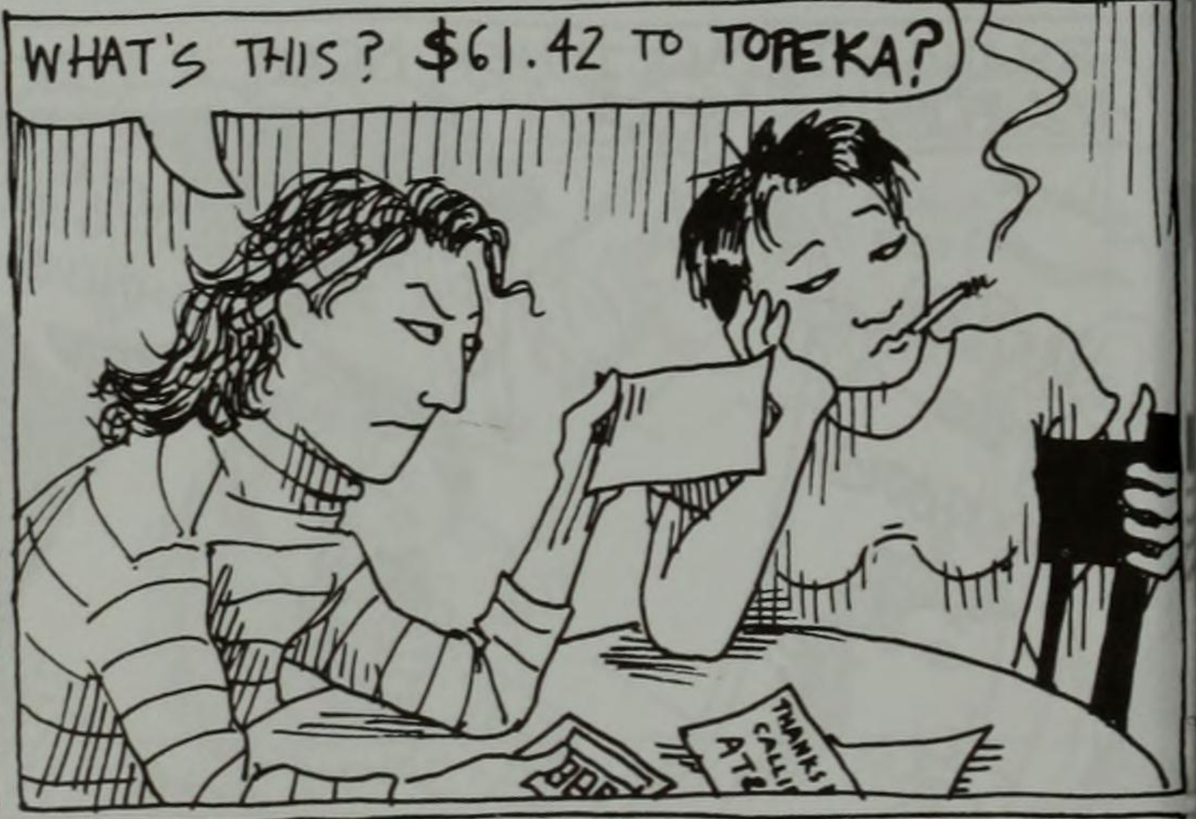
PERFECT YOUR JAMES DEAN IMITATION!

PLAY 'SPOT THE DYKE'. (STATISTICALLY SPEAKING, ONE IN TEN FEMALE PEDESTRIANS IS A LESBIAN.)

OR BETTER YET, SHOW UP EVEN LATER THAN SHE DOES!

THE ROOMMATES
PART TWO

IN THIS EPISODE, WE FIND OUR HEROINES EMBROILED IN A *DISPUTE* OVER THE PHONE BILL!!





AFTER CONFIRMING THIS FACT WITH FLO'S THERAPIST, JEAN REMEMBERS HAVING MADE THE CALL HERSELF.



IN A FIT OF PIQUE, FLO DUMPS CHICKEN LIVERS INTO JEAN'S VEGETARIAN SOUP.

MEAT!! OMIGOD! DIAL 911! I ATE MEAT!

THAT NIGHT, JEAN AND HER LOVER ARE PARTICULARLY INSENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT FLO HASN'T HAD A DATE IN MONTHS.

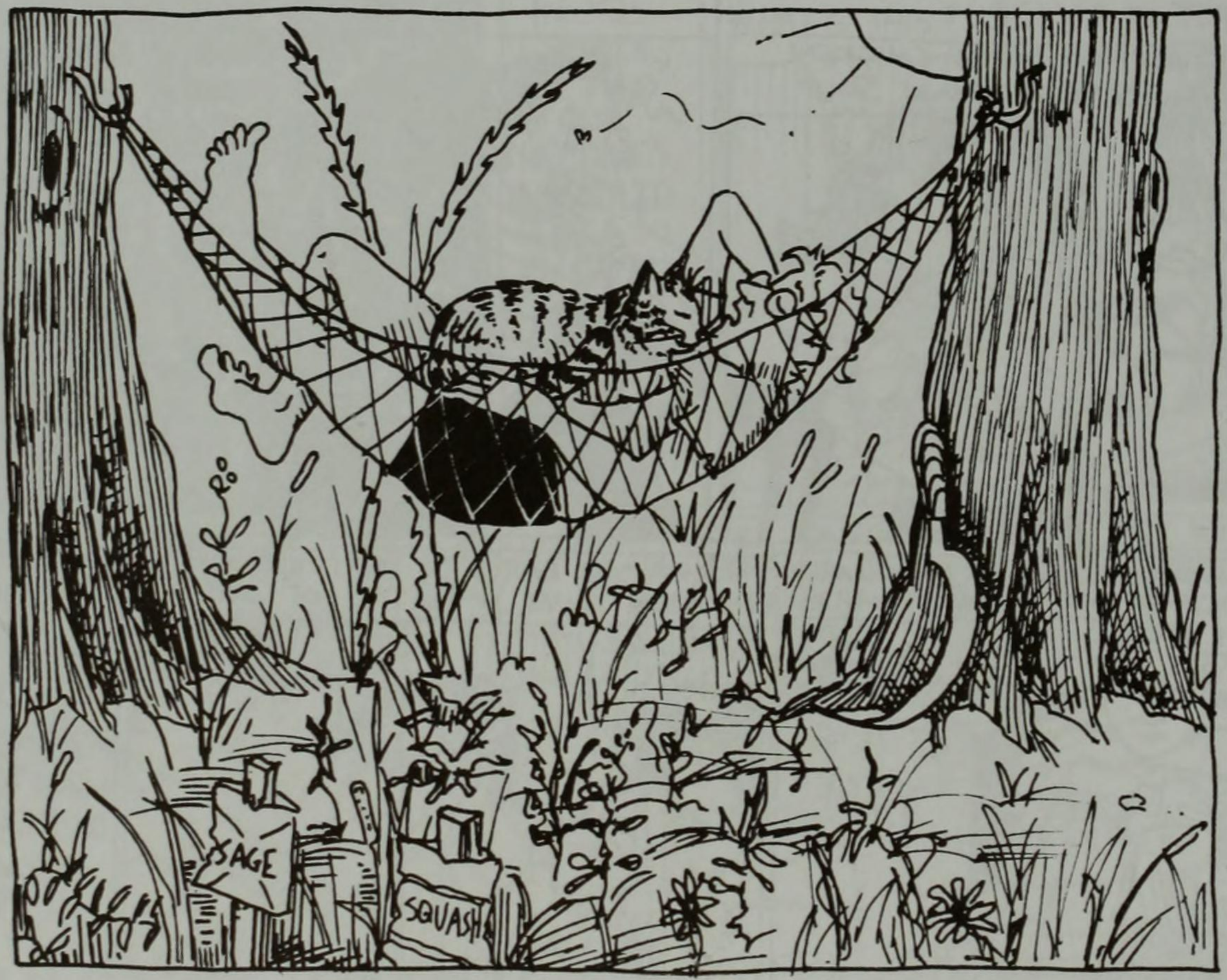
THUMP!

GASP!

FLO ARISES EARLY THE NEXT MORNING IN ORDER TO USE UP ALL THE HOT WATER.

WILL THE STRUGGLE CONTINUE TO ESCALATE? SHOULD JEAN BE IN THERAPY TOO? WHOSE NAME IS ON THE LEASE, ANYWAY?!!

DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!



S is for Sybil, who didn't like weeding.



T is for Tess, at the 4 a.m. feeding.

Sleeping Beauts

THIS MONTH'S LECTURE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY **LOIS**, A SELF-PROCLAIMED EXPERT ON THE SUBJECT OF BEDFELLOWS...

SLEEP. IT'S A FUNNY THING. IT'S EVEN FUNNIER WHEN YOU DO IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE. I'VE BEEN AROUND. LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW TIPS.

HERE ARE SOME LESBIANS YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO TO BED WITH... BUT YOU WOULD DEFINITELY THINK TWICE ABOUT **SLEEPING** WITH THEM.

LOIS' PILLOW BOOK: SOME REAL NIGHT-MARES!

MMMF!

CHLOE WAS A PERFECTIONIST. EVERYTHING TO BE **JUST RIGHT** BEFORE SHE COULD RELAX.

OPHELIA USED TO WAKE ME UP AND TELL ME HER DREAMS.

4:20 AM

WE WERE ON A **WORK BRIGADE** TO NICARAGUA WITH NANCY REAGAN ... AND MY **MOTHER** WAS THERE TOO!



I WAS ALLERGIC TO THALIA'S CATS.

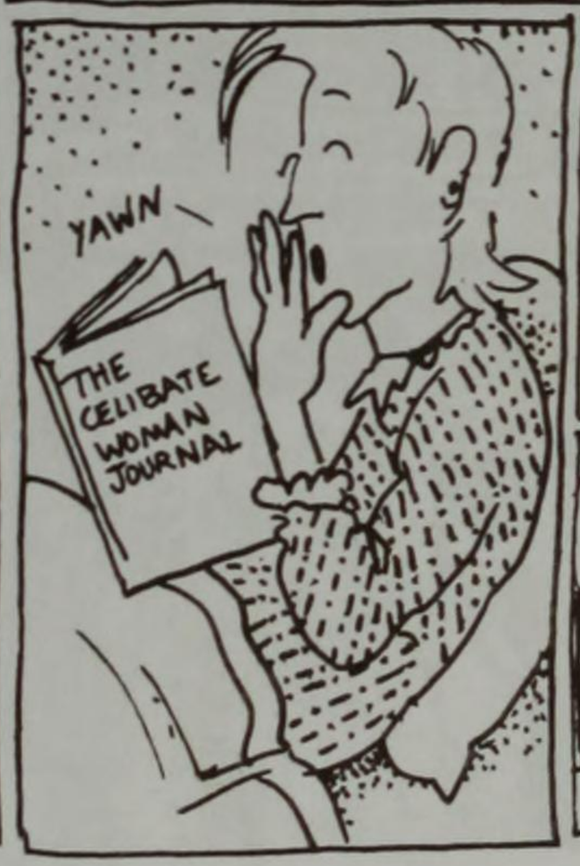
...I JUST KNEW IT WASN'T GOING TO WORK OUT WITH ANY OF THESE WOMEN... FOR A WHILE I WAS INTO SLEEPING BY MYSELF...



SUMI LIKED TO HOLD ME...



BUT JUNE DIDN'T LIKE TO BE TOUCHED.







WE MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER.

DYKIN' FOOL!

SHE MIGHT LOOK NORMAL, BUT STELLA LIVES WITH A HIDDEN DISABILITY. SHE'S **AFRAID** TO **DANCE**. HER GIRLFRIEND HAS FINALLY PERSUADED HER TO COME OUT TO THE CLUB LAVENDER, *JUST THIS ONCE*.

AWRIGHT, AWRIGHT!

MAYBE I'LL DANCE, MAYBE I WON'T. I'M NOT MAKING ANY PROMISES. I HAVE TO BE IN THE RIGHT MOOD.

RIGHT.

I MUST ADMIT, I DO LIKE THE THRILL OF FIRST ENTERING THE BAR; OF BEING ENVELOPED IN MY CULTURAL HERITAGE; OF BEING A DYKE AMONG DYKES.

UH HUH.

BUT **THEN** WHAT?

THEN YOU **DANCE**.

LOOK, DON'T PRESSURE ME, OK?

HEY, EVE! MAXINE!

WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE! YOU GONNA DANCE TONIGHT, STELLA?

YOU GUYS GO AHEAD. I'LL SIT HERE.

I ALWAYS HAVE A ROTTEN TIME HERE.

MAYBE IT'S THE SMOKE.

OR THE LOUD MUSIC AND THE STROBE LIGHTS...

LOOK AT THEM, GYRATING LIKE WILD THINGS...

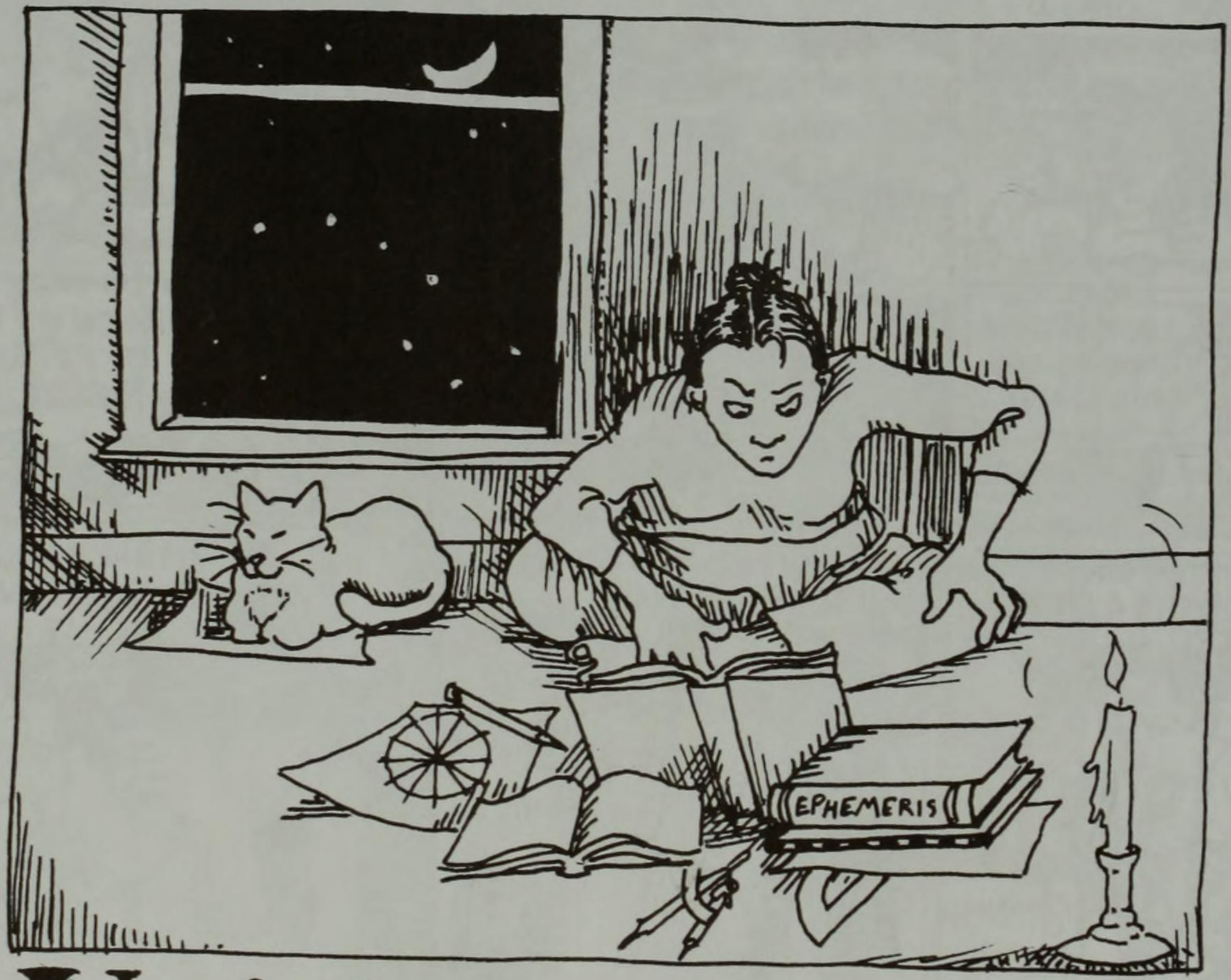
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN.

I KNOW IF I TRIED IT, I'D JUST FREEZE UP.

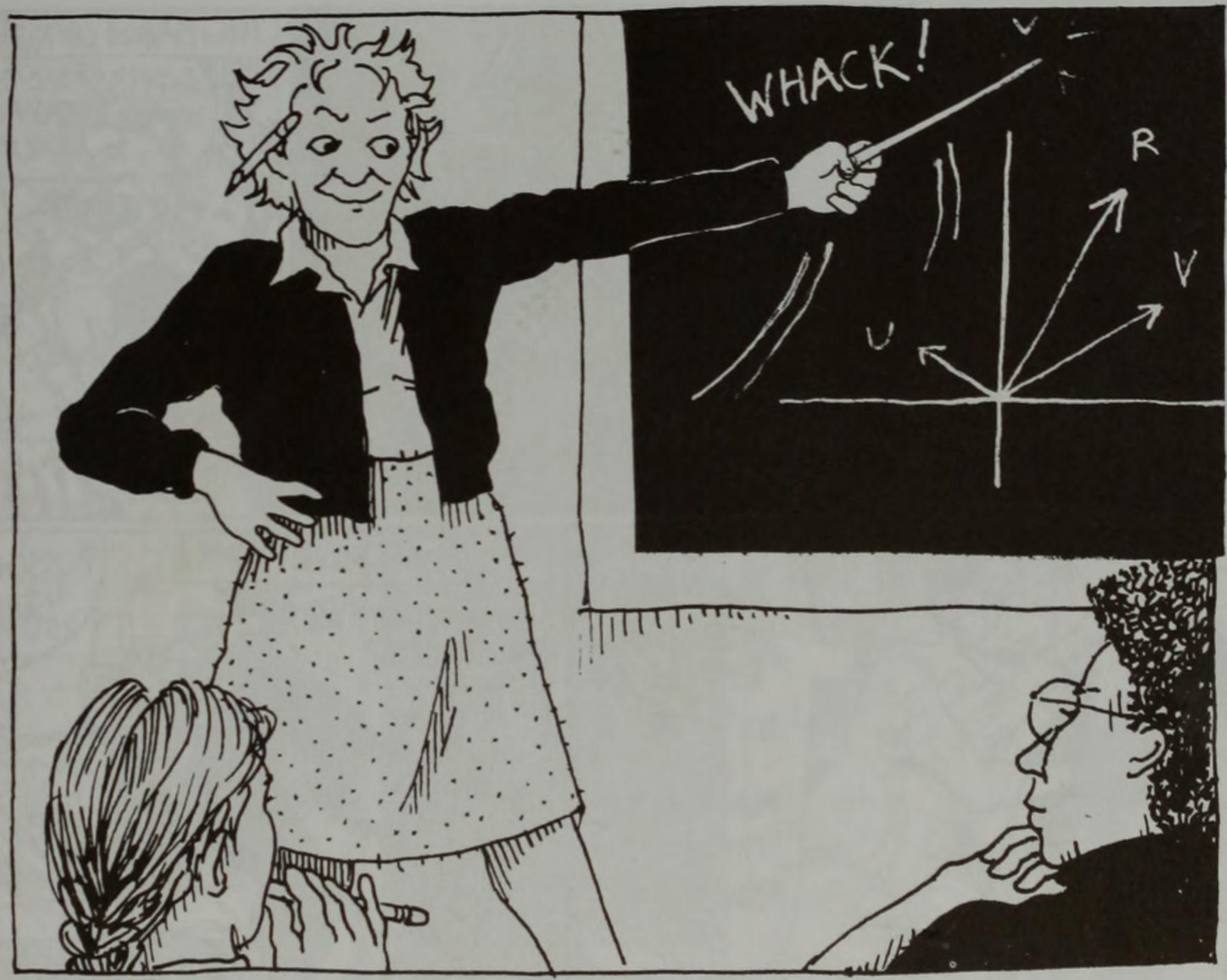
MAYBE IF I JUST TRY MOVING MY BODY TO THE RHYTHM A LITTLE WHILE I SIT HERE...

STELLA! DO YOU FEEL OK, HON? YOU'RE **SHAKING!**

I WILL NEVER DANCE. EVER.



U is for Una, with charts astrological.



V is for Violet, with passions pedagogical.

the Seven Ages of Lesbians

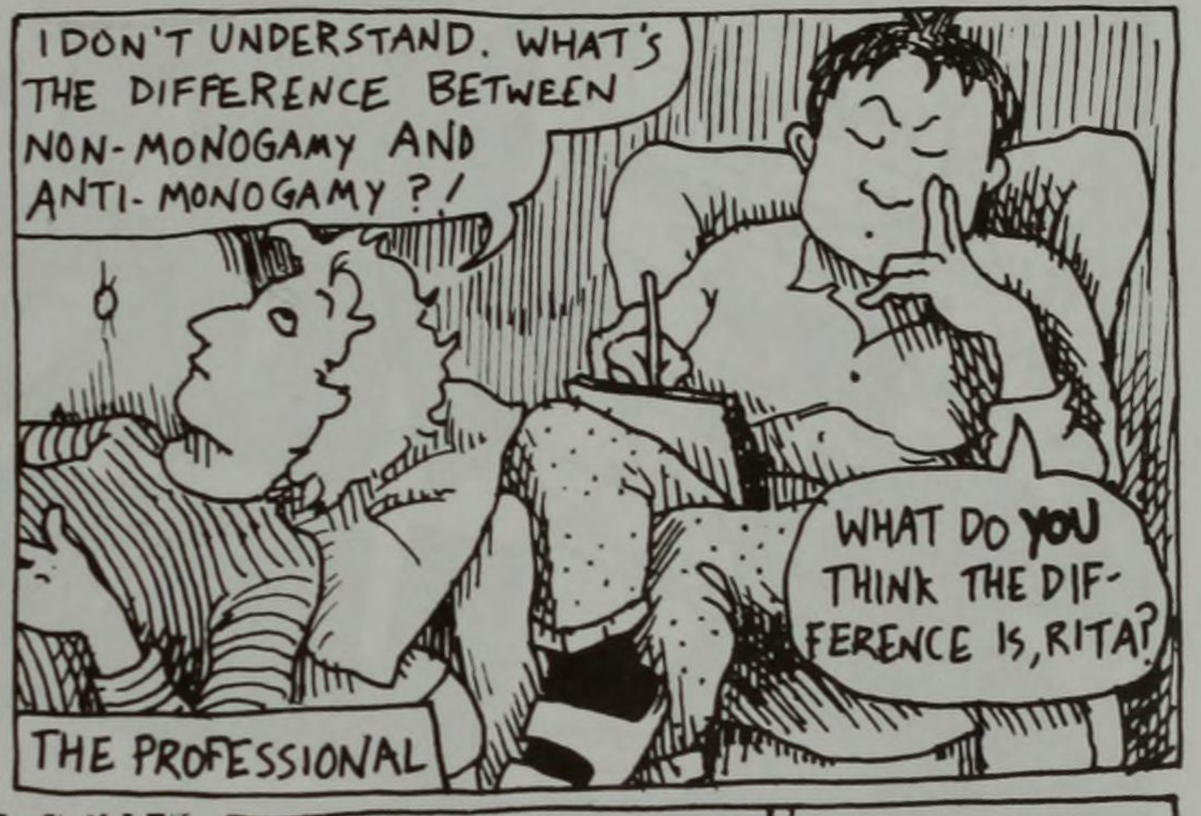
"ALL the world's a stage, and all us lesbians are merely players; we have our exits and our entrances, and one woman in her time plays many parts, her acts being seven ages..."
— Shakespeare's sister, Judith



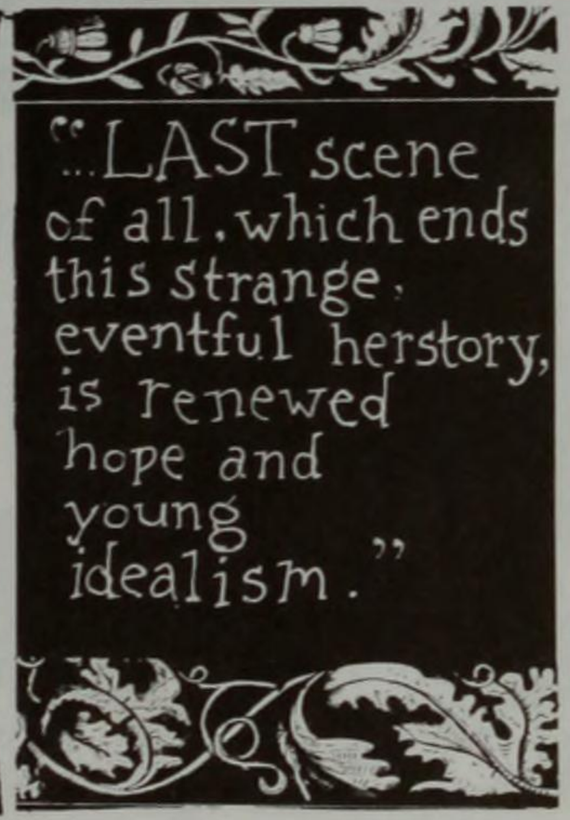





REMEMBER WHEN WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A CUNT LOOKED LIKE?
AND WE REALLY BELIEVED THAT ONLY A MAN COULD FIX THE VOLKS-WAGEN?
THE FIRST-WAVE POLITICAL LESBIAN


I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NON-MONOGAMY AND ANTI-MONOGAMY?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DIF-FERENCE IS, RITA?
THE PROFESSIONAL


WANNA SEE ME TIE THIS MARASCHINO CHERRY STEM INTO A KNOT USING ONLY MY TONGUE?
Lit
THE OLD-SCHOOL DYKE


"...LAST scene of all, which ends this strange, eventful herstory, is renewed hope and young idealism."


THE TIRELESS ACTIVIST
OVER THE TOP, WIMMIN!
REVOLTING HAG
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, FRIEDA!
ARMY DEPOT QUEERS!

DO YOU HAVE A PENCHANT FOR MAKING MATCHES AMONG YOUR ACQUAINTANCES? SAVE YOURSELF WASTED EFFORT WITH THIS QUICK GUIDE TO SOME COMBOS THAT ARE...

NOT VERY LIKELY

WARNING: THIS GUIDE IS NOT GUARANTEED!! IN EACH EXAMPLE, ONE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED!!

STELLA: PLAYS RUGBY

LOUISE: LEADS NON-VIOLENCE TRAININGS

DISAPPROVAL

PERMANENT CLEAT MARKS

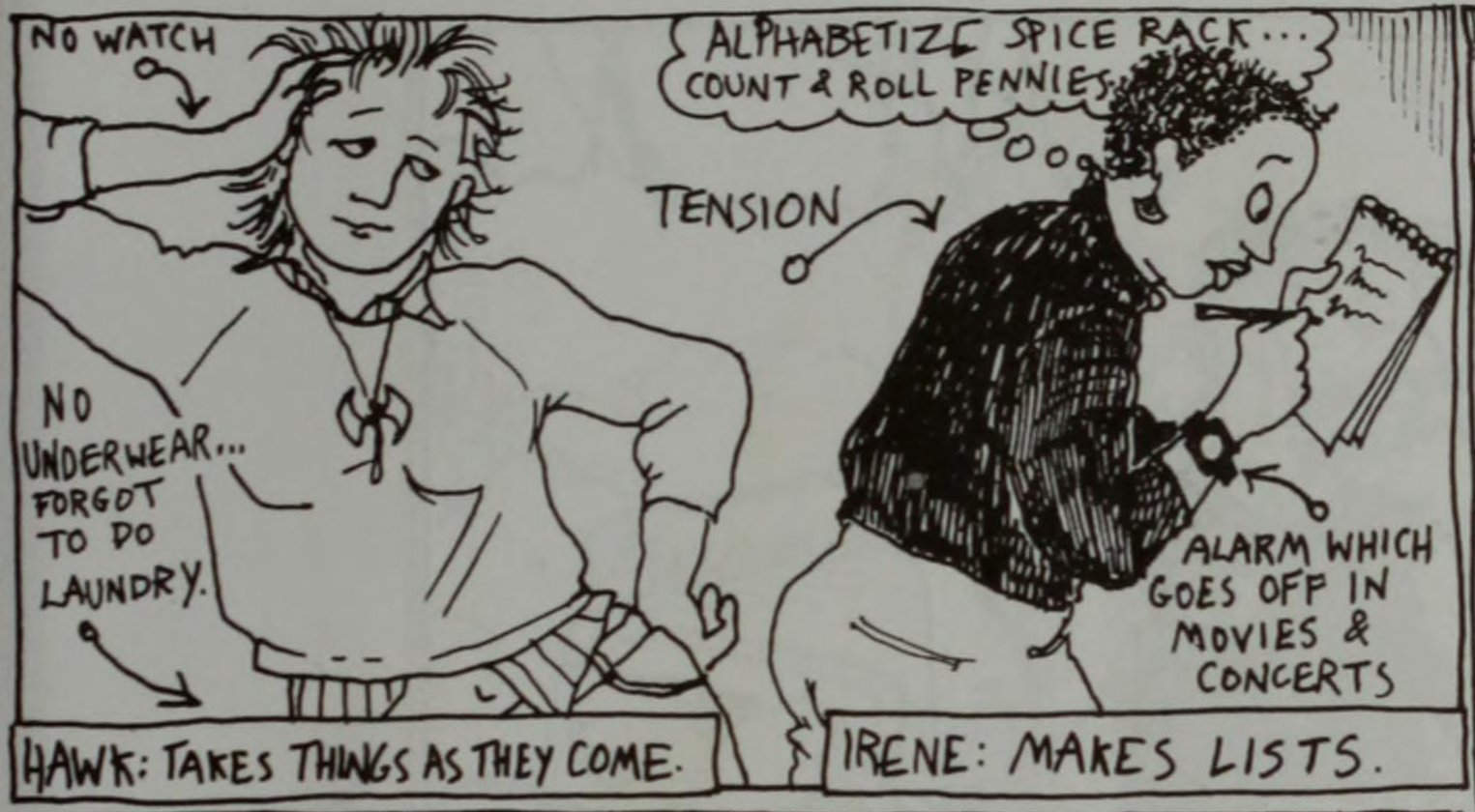
JUDITH: STARCHES HER SHIRTS

MS. CLEAN

NO HANGNAILS

EMMA: RE-ROLLS HER CIGARETTE BUTTS.

4-SEASON LEATHER JACKET


NO WATCH
NO UNDERWEAR... FORGOT TO DO LAUNDRY.
ALPHABETIZE SPICE RACK... COUNT & ROLL PENNIES...
TENSION
ALARM WHICH GOES OFF IN MOVIES & CONCERTS
HAWK: TAKES THINGS AS THEY COME.
IRENE: MAKES LISTS.


NO, REALLY. AFTER YOU.
BUT I INSIST. AFTER YOU.
WALLET
KEYS
DORIS: HAS A THING ABOUT BEING THE BUTCH.
MARIA: HAS A THING ABOUT BEING THE BUTCH.


ATTRACTIVE REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR
VICHYSOISSE
LILLIAN: OWNS STOCK IN GE
HESTER: IS COMMITTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.



W is for Wanda, who preferred to hitch.



X is for Xaviera, who dug in a ditch.

POLITICAL

Dykes to Watch Out For

ANOTHER CATALOGUE of COMMON PSYCHOLOGICAL TYPES

BY HELOISE C. BLAND



ANARCHIS OBNOXIA DERIVES HER LIFE-SUSTAINING ENERGY FROM CONFRONTATIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OTHER LESBIANS.



PRESERVA MUNDI. IN A FRANTIC ATTEMPT TO SINGLE-HANDEDLY SAVE THE WORLD, THIS VARIETY TENDS TO EXPEND ALL ITS ENERGY EARLY IN LIFE. SUCH AN UNTIMELY DRAIN CAUSES A CURIOUS MUTATION INTO AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SPECIES, KNOWN AS....



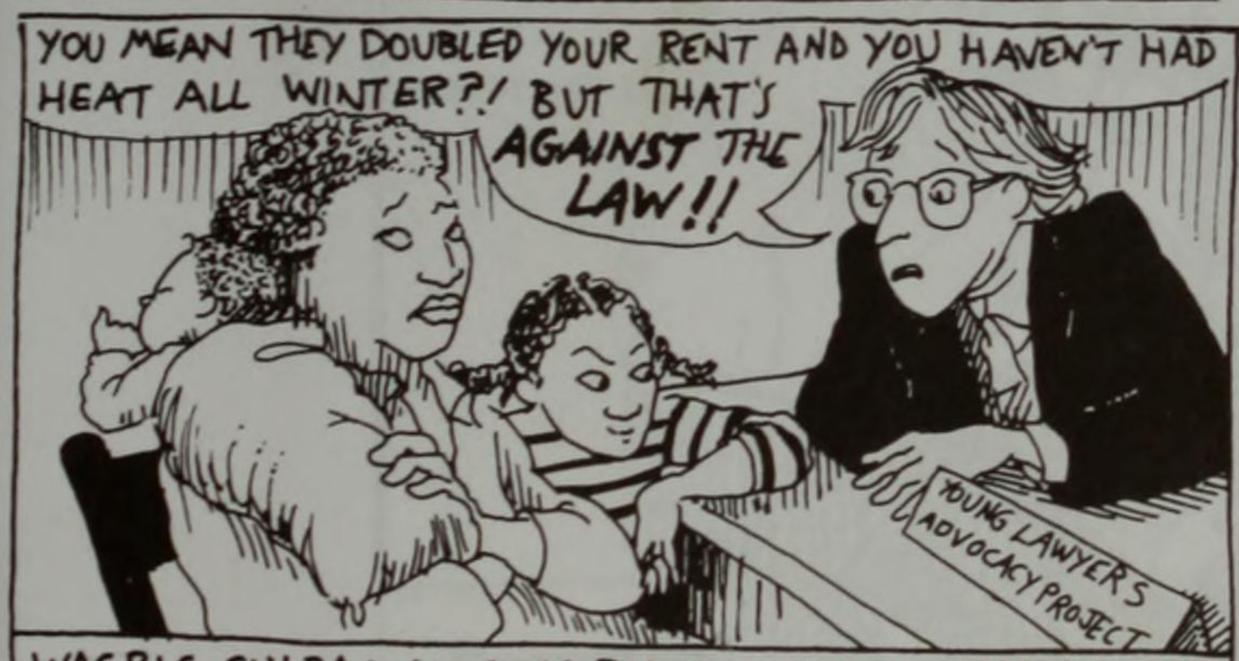
BURNOUT VULGARIS: THIS CATEGORY IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SUBTYPES; THE 'WASTE CASE' AND THE 'SELLOUT'.



DEMONSTRATA GREGARIA. MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS ARE TO THIS INTERESTING SPECIMEN WHAT COCKTAIL PARTIES ARE TO CERTAIN OTHER HUMAN TYPES.



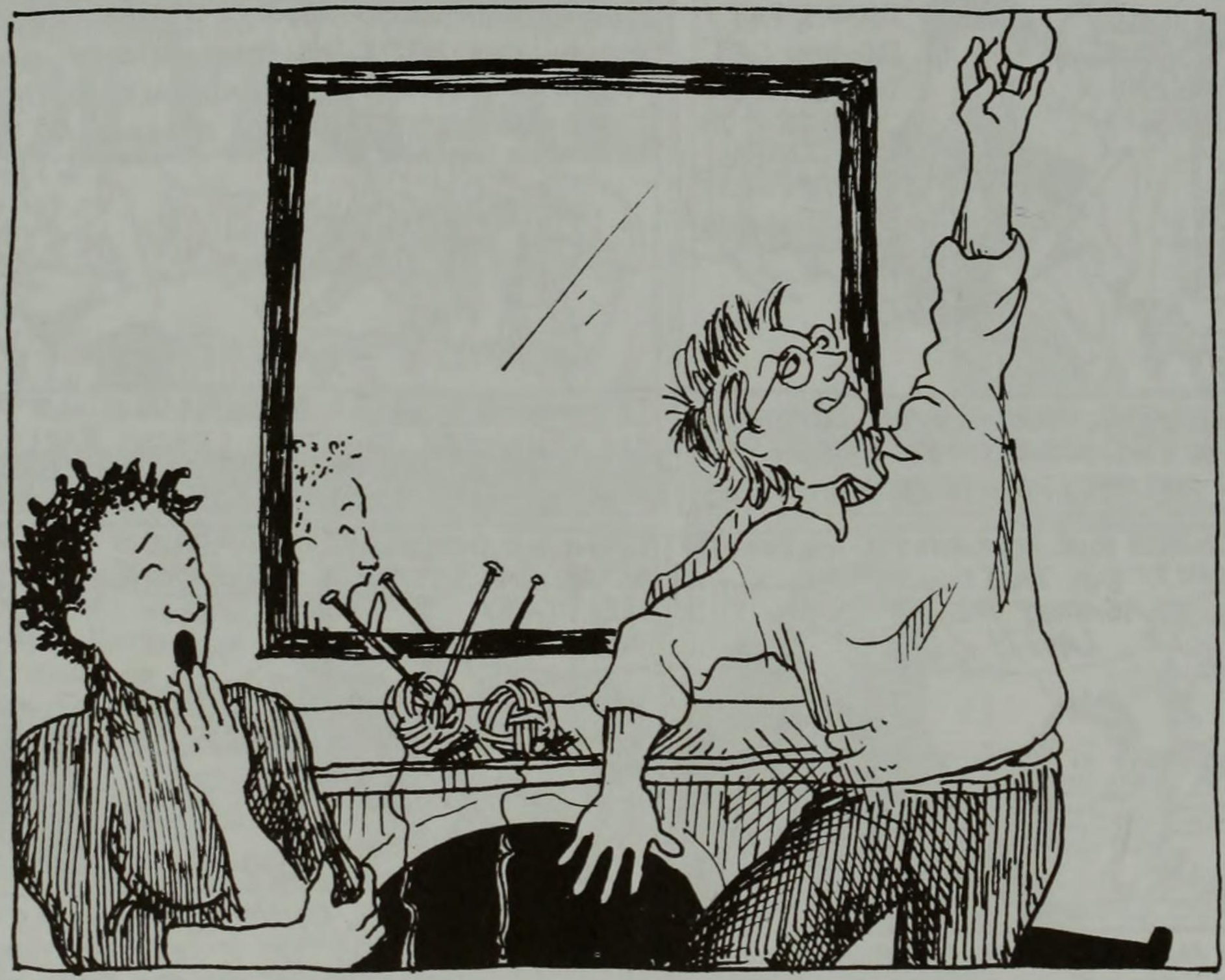
TYRANNUS OFFICIALIS: A COMPULSIVE AND POWER-MAD VOLUNTEER, THIS TYPE LEARNS EARLY THAT TO CONTROL THE DETAILS IS TO CONTROL THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION.



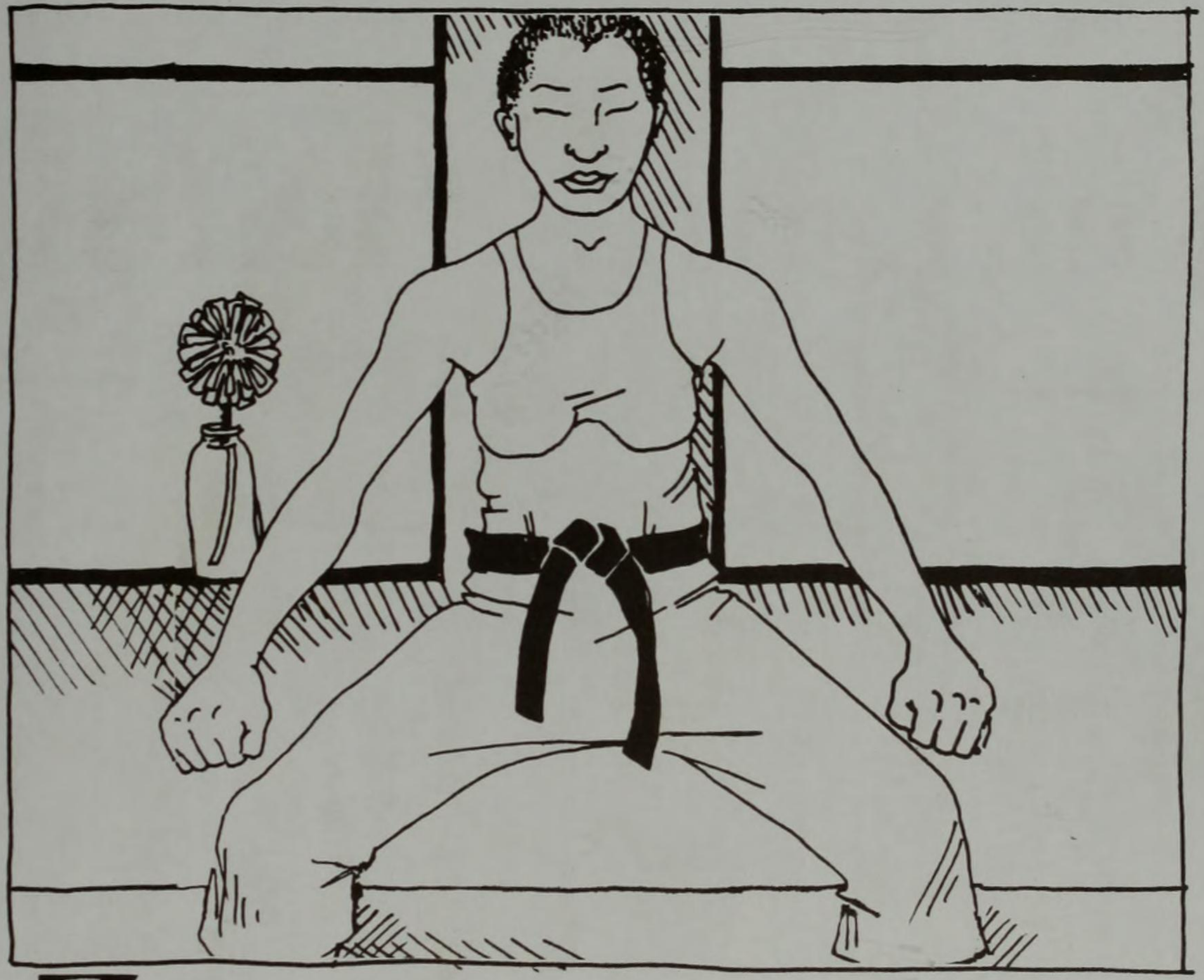
WASPIS CULPA: ALWAYS PALE IN COLOR, THIS VARIETY IS CONTINUALLY STRIVING TO RID ITSELF OF ITS LARGE AND TENACIOUS BURDEN OF GUILT.



PROCESSUS MANIACUS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE 'PROCESS JUNKIE'. THIS TYPE IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO LET A MEETING RUN ITS COURSE TOO QUICKLY OR TOO SMOOTHLY. HER TOLERANCE IS OFTEN MISLEADING.



Y is for Yolanda, who lacked only length.



Z is for Zara, who knew her own strength.

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